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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres poses with participants from the Junior State of America's inaugural Civics Institute Micronesia program, which is being hosted by the Northern Marianas College. The institute is designed to engage high school students, which include participants from the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, the CNMI, and Guam, with the most pressing issues facing the Pacific today. The program also challenges them to look beyond differences and focus on solution-oriented action. NMC was selected by the JSA to host the weeklong program, which was funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs. Other hosts of the JSA program have included Stanford University, Georgetown University, Princeton University, Georgetown University, Northwestern University, American University, and Pepperdine University.

NMC

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Mafnas

Jose Mafnas, who was the director of the Division of Customs and Biosecurity for over seven years, was abruptly removed from his post yesterday as head of Customs and reassigned to the Department of Commerce in a move that he sees as a demotion.

In a last-minute news briefing yesterday, Mafnas said he was served a memorandum from Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig at around 2:30pm that reassigns him effectively immediately as director of Export, Importation and Public Outreach under the Department of Commerce.

No acting Customs director has been named as of presst ime.

Mafnas said that, to his knowledge, the position he was reassigned to does not exist and believes the reassignment is a demotion that he does not deserve.

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Palacios-Apatang team has 16 candidates

» Palacios, Apatang, other team's bets filing candidacies today

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The independent tandem of Lt. Gov. Arnold Indalecio Palacios and Saipan Mayor David Mundo Apatang is fielding a slate of 16 candidates for this year's Nov. 8 general election.

Palacios confirmed Tuesday that their team has no candidate to challenge the candidacy of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, who is seeking his 8th term in the U.S. Congress under the NMI Democratic Party.

Palacios

Apatang

Palacios is running for governor, with Apatang as his running mate. They, along with their 16 candidates, are expected to file

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Guma' Chamorro to open in August

Roughly six years since the original founders envisioned building and showcasing the culture, language, and traditions of the indigenous Chamorro people of the Marianas Islands archipelago, the House of Chamorros, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, is proud to announce that the *Guma' Chamorro* will be christened at the grand opening that's scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022, from 10am to 5pm at the Balboa Park in San Diego, California.

The grand opening and housewarming blessing will be in conjunction with the annual "Hafa Adai Festival." The HOC/HAF raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022, at 5pm.

Upon opening its doors, the *Guma' Chamorro* will offer visitors a glimpse of the culture, history, traditions, unique language, and sights and sounds of the lush tropical flora and fauna of the Chamorro

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COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:
- **Red:** Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- **Green:** Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

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Kilili says he does not condone noncitizens in NMI crossing to Guam

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) said yesterday that he does not condone noncitizens in the Northern Marianas crossing the border into Guam.

In his response to *Saipan Tribune*'s request for comments about reports of an increasing number of Chinese nationals going to Guam by boat from Saipan, Sablan said doing this is a violation of the law and must stop.

Sablan said. This is regardless of the nationality of the noncitizens and regardless if one person, or a group of more than one person, makes the attempt, he added.

As for Rep. Tom Tiffany's and Glenn Grothman's Nov. 30, 2020, letter to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security where they raised a concern about immigration matters in the CNMI, Sablan said he does not have any information or update to share.

In that letter addressed to DHS Secretary Chad Wolf, Tiffany and Grothman described the CNMI Chinese parole program as a "dangerous loophole" in America's immigration system and has been allowed to remain wide open for far too long, and it should be closed.

"U.S. states and territories should not be operating parallel immigration systems through administrative fiat, and Chinese nationals should be required to meet the same standard to visit the CNMI that they must be to visit any other part of the United States," the congressmen said.

They said the existing parole program for Chinese travelers to the CNMI not only violates the rules regarding the parole authority created by Congress, but it also undermines the national security.

Pacific Daily News reported Wednesday that Guam Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero recently discussed the problem of Chinese contact workers traveling to Guam from the CNMI with DHS officials in Washington, D.C.

Leon Guerrero reportedly stated that the Coast Guard is increasing patrols around Guam and that crews have turned back three boats carrying Chinese nationals in the last few weeks.

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE
Jocelyn Kaipat Aldan Kapileo submits her petition for nomination and candidacy documents before Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Kayla S. Igitol inside CEC office in Susupe yesterday. Also in the photo are Kapileo's husband, Kevin Taitano Kapileo, and their children.

Jocelyn Kapileo files her candidacy for NI mayor

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Jocelyn Kaipat Aldan Kapileo, a sister of the late Northern Islands Mayor Francisco Jerome Aldan, filed yesterday her candidacy for Northern Islands mayor as an independent candidate.

Kapileo, 41, submitted her petition for nomination and candidacy documents to Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Kayla S. Igitol at the CEC office in Susupe yesterday afternoon. She was accompanied by her husband, Kevin Taitano Kapileo, their two children, and a few relatives and supporters.

» CEC: Northern Islands has 168 registered voters
» 2 running for NI Mayor, current Mayor Santos not seeking re-election

Igitol said that, as of yesterday, there were 168 registered voters for the Northern Islands.

The Republican Party's candidate for Northern Islands mayor is Valentino N. Taisacan Jr. Current Northern Islands Mayor Vicente Santos is not running for re-election. Santos became mayor after Mayor Francisco Jerome Aldan passed away on Feb. 18, 2017.

Jocelyn Kapileo said the only reason why she is running for this office is that they had a summit during the time of her late father, Tobias Dela Cruz Aldan, who was also the then- Northern Islands mayor. Kapileo said she wants everything that was agreed upon in that summit to happen.

"We want the homestead to happen so they can issue all these homesteads to our people. Everybody is already dying and they are not getting their homestead," she said.

She said she was really helping his brother, then- Northern Islands Mayor Francisco Jerome Aldan, to get $1 million funding so they could help the people of the north.

"Some of us want to go back home but so many things prohibit us from going back home. We don't have reliable transportation. They need to fix the airstrip so that we can travel by air, by sea," she said.

Kapileo was born on Saipan after her parents were forced to leave Pagan because of the active volcano on the island. Her parents raised her three older siblings on Pagan.

Kapileo said the last time she was on Pagan was in 2006.

She said her father wanted to see how life was in the Northern Islands so she and her husband went there where they learned how to catch animals and fish and learned how to dry fish and meat. Kapileo said they stayed there for nine months.

She said she and her husband and about seven relatives were the only ones on the island. As others had to leave for various reasons, they went down to four or six on the island.

Kapileo said she did not want to come back to Saipan, but her father picked them up.

Kapileo graduated at Marianas High School in 1999.

For seven years, she worked with the Department of Public Lands Mining Division. She also worked as a zoning officer with the Saipan Zoning Office for five years. Currently, she is a housewife.

Kapileo said she is running as an independent but is supporting the Republican Party.

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Bill seeks to offset FAC increases with revenue from Liquid Fuel Tax

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Rep. Donald M. Manglona (Ind-Rota) introduced Monday a bill that would offset the Fuel Adjustment Charge increases with revenue derived from the Liquid Fuel Tax.

Speaking at a House of Representatives session, Manglona said that he and floor leader Ralph N. Yumul (R-Saipan) pre-filed House Bill 22-105 and that several others are co-sponsors.

Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) referred the bill to the Ways and Means, which Manglona chairs, and to the Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee chaired by Rep. Richard T. Lizama (D-Saipan).

Manglona stated in the bill that tapping this local tax revenue will ensure that there is a local funding source directly related to the FAC and the rising cost of utilities.

The bill seeks to amend Title 4, Economic Resources, Division 1, Revenue and Taxation section 1403 (Liquid Fuel Tax), by adding two new subsections. Under the proposed subjection, the Finance secretary and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. shall establish a special account for the benefit of CUC residential and commercial ratepayers and deposit into that special account all "Liquid Fuel Tax" revenue collected from July 1, 2022, to Sept. 30, 2023.

During this period, that revenue shall be used exclusively for the benefit of CUC residential and commercial ratepayers for the purpose of off-setting any increases to the applicable FAC and/or reducing or subsidizing the applicable base rates that are incurred or charged retroactive to July 1, 2022.

Revenues collected in the special account shall be transferred to CUC each month and CUC shall use this revenue to offset FAC charges and may implement a new rate structure after the funds have been applied to address the FAC charges.

This law will have a sunset period of Oct. 1, 2023.

CUC has increased the FAC from $0.36225 per kWh to $0.43285 per kWh effective July 1, 2022. This increase to the FAC, Manglona said, will result in higher utility rates for CNMI ratepayers.

He said in order to mitigate the adverse effects that will follow this increase of nearly 20%, the Legislature mandates that the applicable fees and taxes on fuel collected by Revenue and Taxation shall be used to offset the increase in the FAC.

Manglona said the legislation will transfer tax revenues collected on liquid fuel to CUC for the benefit of its residential and commercial taxpayers.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

Photo shows the cultural and tourism entities supporting the historic grand opening of Guma' Chamorro. Front row, from left, Marianas Visitors Authoruty managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, founder Dorisann Aldan-Atalig, founder Sue Castro-Cabrera, House of Chamorro-CNMI PIO John "Bolis" Gonzales, and founder/adviser Patrick D. Cabrera. Back row, from left, executive assistant for Carolinian Affairs John I. Tagabuel, founder/adviser David DLG Atalig, resident executive assistant for Indigenous Affairs Roman Tudela Jr., and chief of staff Will Castro.

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peoples' homeland from thousands of miles away. It will feature and showcase cultural art, information, and resource all afternoon on weekends year-round, with volunteer hosts trained to answer questions, educate, and interact with visitors. It will also provide lawn cultural and tourism marketing programs, cultural performances and immersion through arts, folklore, music, dance, Chamorro language, and indigenous Chamorro cuisine.

Furthermore, it will develop and present historical and educational programs with exhibits, presentations, seminars, and workshops to promote and preserve the culture, traditions, and arts of the indigenous Chamorro people of the Northern Marianas and Guam. Construction was made possible through the support and contributions of donors and benefactors from around the world.

All roads lead to Balboa Park on Aug. 20, 2022, as all indigenous Chamorro in the Marianas, all Chamorro diaspora living abroad and oversees, and citizens from everywhere in the world are invited to mark their calendars and join and attend.

HOC is an integral program supported by the Chamorro Optimist Club San Diego that was accepted in 2016, as a full member of the House of Pacific Relations that oversees the International Cottages campus in Balboa Park. HOC also simultaneously joined the New International Cottages Committee, composed of HPR members interested in building their respective cottages. It hosts about 14 million visitors annually, including 335,000 visitors in two days and two nights annually during December Nights festival. HPR oversees the International Cottages, a consortium of "houses" representing 33 countries, which were originally built for the 1935 World Exposition.

Balboa Park is the cultural epicenter of the world as a living lab and cultural resource that celebrates the cultural diversity of San Diego as a melting pot of world cultures coexisting in harmony, peace, and goodwill. The park spans 1,200 acres spread across an urban area of open community spaces, gardens, and walking paths with museums, theatres, and the San Diego Zoo.

The House of Chamorro has a cooperative relationship with the Guam Visitors Bureau and the Marianas Visitors Authority to promote and market Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands to the 14 million visitors of Balboa Park annually. This cooperation seeks to support *Guma' Chamorro* in bringing cultural practitioners to present the Chamorro culture (and Carolinian for the CNMI) at Balboa Park and throughout San Diego County, known to have the largest diaspora of indigenous Chamorro (and Carolinians for the CNMI) anywhere beyond the shores of the Marianas archipelago.

Imagining the House of Chamorros being permanently housed at an internationally prominent location at the Hall of Nations Balboa Park, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres could not contain his excitement.

"*Guma' Chamorro* is not just a physical structure that stands in the cultural epicenter of the west coast of the United States. More than that, it proudly stands as an edifice of lasting symbolism and tribute to the instinctual resilience and humble pride of our people of the Marianas together with Guam, showcasing our unique language, culture, tradition, arts, and food that will reverberate generation after generation in the years to come," he said.

The House of Chamorros is led by its president, Jeffrey J. Macaraeg, the HOC board of directors, HOC Guam and CNMI liaisons, and program chairs. The HOC-CNMI liaison are Dorisann Aldan-Atalig, Susan Castro-Cabrera, HOC-CNMI PIO John O. Gonzales "Bolis", and HOC-CNMI advisors David DLG. Atalig and Patrick D. Cabrera. ***(PR)***

TEAM

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their candidacies at the Commonwealth Election Commission office in Susupe today, Friday, at 10am.

The Palacios-Apatang team has no candidates for the Senate and the House of Representatives' Tinian and Rota seats, as well as for mayor of the Northern Islands.

Palacios said yesterday that they have not endorsed yet any independent candidates on Rota, Tinian, and Northern Islands.

Personally, though, Palacios said he is supporting Rep. Donald M. Manglona's (Ind-Rota) candidacy for Rota senator as an independent.

For the Senate Saipan seats, the Palacios-Apatang team has Rep. Corina L. Magofna and former Commerce secretary Andrew Sablan Salas.

For House Precinct 1, the team is fielding four—Vincent Seman Aldan, Shawn Delos Reyes Kaipat, and former representatives Raymond Ulloa Palacios and Roman Cepeda Benavente.

For House Precinct 2, re-electionist Rep. John Paul Palacios Sablan is teaming with Manny Gregorio Tenorio Castro.

For House Precinct 3, House vice speaker Blas Jonathan Tenorio Blas and House floor leader Ralph Naraja Yumul, who are both Republicans, are seeking re-election under the Palacios-Apatang team. Also running under the team are Delbert Taitano Pua and Marissa Renee Flores.

For House Precinct 4, Rep. Joel Castro Camacho is seeking re-election. Malcom Jason Omar is also the team's other candidate.

For House Precinct 5, the team's bet is Angelo Atalig Camacho.

For Saipan mayor, Ramon Jose Blas Camacho is the team's candidate.

The NMI Republican Party has 31 candidates, including Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Sen. Vinnie Vinson Sablan, who are running for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively. The party has a full-slate of candidates for the Senate and mayors for Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and the Northern Islands. They are set to file their candidacies on Aug. 9 at 10am.

The NMI Democratic Party said that once the CEC has formally endorsed all their candidates, they will make a formal announcement on their list of candidates.

The party's bet for governor and lieutenant governor are Reps. Christina E. Sablan and Leila Staffler, respectively. Except for two who already filed their candidacies Wednesday, the rest of the candidates are going to file their candidacies on Aug. 5.

MAFNAS

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"Effective tomorrow, I will be transferred out of Customs to a division that is non-existent. I wasn't even given any time to pack and vacate my office. To receive such a drastic action effective tomorrow, this is an injustice to me, to the employees. I honestly don't deserve this kind of treatment. Not even a phone call. This leads me to ask: Is this a sincere movement? I don't think so; it's not a sincere movement," he said.

Mafnas, who took over as Customs director back in 2013, said the only question he has is "why" because he believes he helped reduce the amount of crystal methamphetamine on Saipan significantly during his tenure, while also aiding in rebuilding Customs from the ground up.

"I've done a lot for the division. When I came in in 2013, the Division of Customs was a mess and the entire island was infected with crystal meth. Back then in 2013, methamphetamine was at $50 to $75 per gram and there was a lot of uncollected tax. But when I came in in 2013, in that first fiscal year, collection went up by more than half a million dollars. The second year, it went up by $10 million. I helped rebuild this division back up, not by myself, but with a good team of people…and I'm proud to say that the Division of Customs and now Biosecurity is now one of the best in the government," he said.

Another slap in the face, Mafnas said, was the email sent to the Customs graduation planning committee telling them to completely remove him from the program as he was supposed to give remarks at the ceremony next week.

"The graduation of the 9th cycle academy is next week Monday and I was scheduled to give the welcoming remarks. But what insulted me more is that secretary of Finance emailed the planners for the graduation ceremony informing them to remove my name from the program and not to include me at all. I've been with these cadets for four months. I've been talking to them heart to heart," he said.

When asked what he plans to do, he said he will fight for himself, for the division, and for those who may suffer the same fate in the near future.

"I'm going to confront this. I will not let this go easy. It's not about my job. It's not about my position as director of Customs. It's to make sure that others will not be treated the same way. I'm sure other directors will probably receive the same letter if I keep quiet. But I'm not going to be quiet, I'm going to be loud. I am not going to allow these people to do this. I'm a civil service employee. I know my rights. I've been through this battle before and I will defend my rights. I will defend not my position, but justice and the principle behind this," he said.

Mafnas entered the Division of Customs as a trainee back in 1984 and climbed the ladder until he was appointed as director back in 2013.

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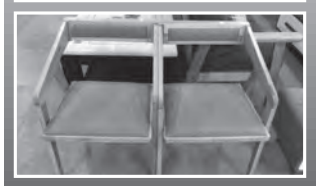

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The Council's Board is comprised of thirteen volunteer members who serve three-year terms. The Council strives to maintain a board that reflects a broad cross section of our CNMI community and consider the following factors: humanities expertise, fiscal and fundraising expertise, geographical coverage, demographic diversity, and attendance at a post-secondary institution. The ideal candidate will have a strong desire to promote the Council's mission, programs, and activities and to actively participate in fundraising activities. Board responsibilities include but are not limited to:

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- Attending conferences, workshops and other meetings on behalf of the Council.

Applicants are invited to submit their letters of interest and resumes to **Dr. Bobby J.A. Cruz, Chair**, Northern Marianas Humanities Council at Post Office Box 506437 Saipan, MP 96950, delivered to the Council's office located in the Springs Plaza Building in Gualo Rai, Saipan, or via email to: info@nmhcouncil.org. For additional information, please contact the Council's Executive Director, Leo Pangelinan, at telephone 235-4785 or visit the Council's website at www.nmhcouncil.org.

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2nd AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-003-19

FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
GENERAL AIRPORT TYPHOON YUTU FENCE REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting proposals for the procurement, furnishing and installation of chain link fencing and accessories (commercial and industrial grades), for the installation and general Typhoon Yutu repair/replacement work of its chain-link fences per this Scope of Work and associated Contract Documents, located at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Project shall be in compliance with all current federal, state and local government agencies' rules and regulations. This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 40-50-225.

The CPA Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an invitation for bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the CPA because CPA wishes to acquire services and products that cannot be evaluated by cost alone, or that factors other than price, such as technical expertise and/or the quality of materials, should be considered in determining the successful contractor.

Proposals shall be submitted no later than **5:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2ND floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. All proposals shall become property of CPA.

Contractors are requested to submit one original and four (4) copies of their proposals, sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "**Proposal for General Airport Typhoon Yutu Fence Repairs and Replacements, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, CPA-SA-003-19".**

The Scope of Work (SOW) may be picked up at the CPA Accounting Office upon payment of $50.00 per package. Project approach and cost must be within the parameters of the established SOW. Any deviation from the SOW, a proposal based on reduced SOW or a proposal that exceeds what is required by the SOW, may be grounds for immediate disqualification of the offeror's proposal package. Criteria for scoring proposals and proposal submission requirements are detailed in the Proposal Requirement section of the SOW.

Questions should be submitted to the CPA Executive Director, Christopher S. Tenorio, in writing, or emailed to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, Executive Assistant/Project Manager at wprater@cnmiports.com at least ten (10) days prior to the proposal submission date. Contractors are welcome to inspect the facilities that are not within any secured locations; however, site visits for the Air Traffic Control Tower and ARFF Training Facility should be coordinated with Ms. Prater at telephone number 670-237-6500 or via the email address written above. Responses to all questions or requests for information will be provided to all proposers who picked up a proposal package.

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The Project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals. Therefore, proposers and their subcontractors must hold their proposal prices in effect for up to 180 calendar days.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The United States Secretary of Transportation has granted the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands an exemption from the requirements of the Department of Transportation's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) regulation, which later became the Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, as it relates to FAA grant programs. The Secretary of Transportation has not determined that a portion of those requirements should be reinstated.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: June 28, 2022

Man facing gun possession raps now also facing assault charges

By KIMBERLY B. ESMORES
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REPORTER

A man who recently pleaded not guilty in federal court to illegally possessing a firearm now also faces assault charges in the Superior Court.

MD Ikbal Bapari, was brought before the Superior Court yesterday over a bench warrant issued following a suit that accuses him of assaulting three individuals with a rebar on Rota.

Kim-Tenorio

Bapari, 36, currently faces in the U.S. District Court for the NMI one count of illegal alien in possession of a firearm and three counts of assault and disturbing the peace with the CNMI Superior Court.

According to the local court case filed against Bapari, he allegedly threatened to hit MD Shahin Dhali, MD Subaz Sheikh, and MD Julas Rary with a piece of metal rebar on June 27, 2022.

Bapari also allegedly disturbed them by yelling and threatening to damage the car they were on, the complaint stated.

Last June 28, Bapari was indicted in federal court and he pleaded not guilty in July.

According to the indictment, on or about May 5, 2022, Bapari "then being an alien illegally and unlawfully in the United States, did unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly possess a firearm, to wit, a .40 caliber handgun, Glock model 22, serial number WHZ254, in and affecting interstate commerce."

Then, on July 6, Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho issued a bench warrant for the arrest of Bapari and imposed a $2,500 bail.

While Bapari was being held for his federal case, CNMI Chief Prosecutor Chester Hinds requested the local court to issue an order directing the U.S. Marshals Service to temporarily remand Bapari to the custody of the Department of Corrections so Bapari could appear in Superior Court for a bench warrant hearing on July 20. Camacho granted the request.

During the July 20 hearing, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio reset the defendant's detention hearing to Thursday, July 21, at 9 am.

Kim-Tenorio told attorney David Banes, who represents Bapari in the federal case, that if no third-party custodian is found, the hearing will be vacated and the order of detention pending trial will be issued.

No order has been issued on the detention hearing as of press time.

The federal court has scheduled Bapari's jury trial for Sept. 12 at 10 am.

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The many ways that we may honor our parents

By CHRYSTAL MARINO
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Family honor is nothing new to the islands, as nearly every young individual raised on the islands has an understanding that to honor parents is to be blessed and successful later down in the walk of life. And as the nation prepares to celebrate National Parents' Day this Sunday and the outstanding parents in our lives, I thought it would be amazing to get people's perspective on honor, from the new and young generation to those older and experienced in life. My question: How do you as an individual honor your parents, and what are the visible benefits of that honor?

One of my close friends, Sena Finau, a businesswoman in Tongatapu, Tonga, spoke to me of the key factors she learned about honor. "I believe honor starts from the heart. Honoring is crucial because this is not something that we can just say but is something that we must believe and act upon. We honor our parents by simply obeying them in not only by our action, but also in our thoughts and our hearts. It more like regarding them in admiration and with deep, deep respect. We also honor our parents with our words. How we speak toward them should be different from how we speak with our siblings or friends. Also the tone of how we speak to them is very much important as the words we use. Lastly is our action. Sometimes as we grow older and have our own families, we tend to forget our responsibility as kids to our parents as we should be looking out for them as they grow old. We cannot just neglect them because we have our own priorities now that we're older. I believe that with all of my heart that as long as we have our parents with us on this earth we must do all that we can do to honor them because I strongly believe that if you cannot honor them, then you cannot truly honor any authority or anyone throughout your life and that is scary."

She noted that although there is no perfect parent, yet there is still a way we can find to honor them. She also mentioned some of the benefits she has seen because of parental honor. "I realized that you can never have a successful life if you are not a person who knows the value of honoring, nor more importantly living this life, and it must start with us honoring our parents. I believe we can guarantee a successful life if we simply understand and live this principle to truly honor our

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parents because not only it is a commandment but it does come with a promise."

Finau also shared her personal thoughts, regarding her late father who passed away a couple of years ago. "I wish my Dad [were] still alive so I can give him the honor that he deserved. Do not wait 'til they [parents] pass away to greet them, as I did. If you still have them around, even just one of them now, you have the opportunity to honor them while you can."

And with many islanders holding a religious background, many share a similar view. Alayssa Mondido a liberal arts major at the Northern Marianas College on Saipan, said, "For me, honoring parents can take form in different ways, but what matters is that our love and gratitude is expressed toward them. Parents are expected to provide and raise their children, but we know that not everyone is able to have that experience because their parents went on a different route. We honor our parents when we recognize how significant their decision to keep us and how it has impacted

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who we are as individuals today. Especially in this day and age, we see more children growing up in a world without their parents, so I look at parents who stuck it out despite the difficulties with high esteem. When we honor our parents, we are not only being a blessing to them, but we are also being a blessing to ourselves. If you are a parent or are planning to become one, our children can learn how to treat us based on how they see us honor our parents."

Meghan Sumor, a student at Marianas High School, described the way she honors her parents as "doing good in school and life" and using the knowledge they imparted to her. She also mentioned that her parent's faith have positively impacted her. "If they can change I can change, so what they do with their life impacts me in some way, and they influence me."

Tekoa Seharmidal a student in the Republic of Palau, says he honors his parents by obeying them and heeding their teachings. "If your father and mother tell you to do something and you don't want to do it, just do it because they probably are trusting you and relying on you to do it. Personally, I think honoring our parents is also a sign of our gratitude and a non-verbal way we can say 'thank you' to those who raised us. And I think the benefits that follow honoring our parents are benefits in life. For example, if you can honor your father and mother, you learn to also honor your boss, wife/girlfriend, and honor anyone who is close to you…"

Elizabeth Abigail Zamarripa, a student of Heritage

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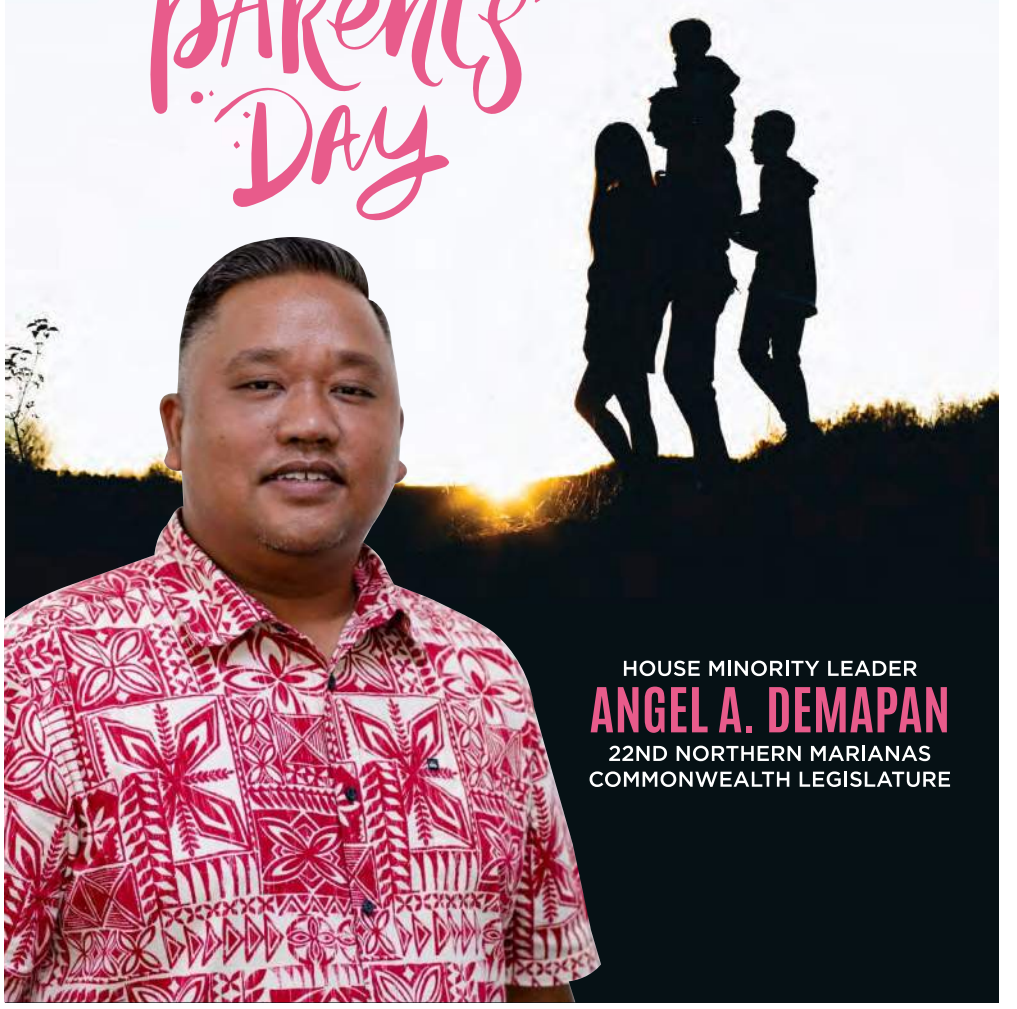

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Academy in Texas, said she honors her parents for their exampleship, and teaching, rearing her up in their faith "I could name all the ways my parents have helped me and guided me but then this would be very long, so I shall keep it simple. The most important thing I honor my parents for is the fact my parents are raising me in a Christian home. My parents being Christians, teaching me about God's love and mercy, and watching Him use them, and how they are willing to obey even when it really doesn't make sense makes me respect them more and more. Simply them being Christian, living for God even when the storms come means I can surely serve God even in storms [of life]."

> **As a child of missionaries, I have had the privilege to travel and meet people from around the world. And if there's one thing I understand is that not every person has the "storybook" version of a family, and the truth is sometimes our relationships with family can be so broken. Which is one of the reasons I honor my parents.**

One of the stories that touched me was that of AnaMarie Tuigamala, who told me that she grew up without a father and a single mom who raised her. Being raised without a father, she was usually with her mother or her grandparents. She spoke of the struggles and hardships her mother faced, taking on the roles of both father and mother, disciplining, teaching, and providing for her kids. She remembers her mom as the one who "knit" the family together. "I really admired my mom, and I'll never forget her teachings." Her mom's sudden death at the young age of 48 shook Tuigamala. "She died and she was still working. She was still working to make ends meet," Tuigamala said tearfully. It wasn't until many years later that Tuigamala's relationship with her father started to mend. He was already elderly when he began to come around. "I don't think God is going to forgive me for all things that I did," he told her.

Tuigamala cared for her father as he entered his late years and until his death in 2014. She mentioned the good memories she had of her father before his passing and the restoration that took place in their lives. "That's what God did. He restored my dad, He restored our relationship. I thank God. Even when I didn't know much about my dad, but at the end, He [God] gave us this opportunity for us to build that relationship." Tuigamala serves her community as a home visitor for pre-natal under the Children's Health Bureau on Saipan.

As a child of missionaries, I have had the privilege to travel and meet people from around the world. And if there's one thing I understand is that not every person has the "storybook" version of a family, and the truth is sometimes our relationships with family can be so broken. Which is one of the reasons I honor my parents. Both of my parents grew up in broken homes, plagued by domestic violence and substance abuse. But even though they came from that environment, they did not follow the path placed before them. Many statistics say that we tend to follow in our parents' footsteps, yet something changed. They changed. Their families changed, and my childhood was one completely different from theirs. It was one that was sweet, innocent, and full of memories. And I honor and respect them for that. But what caused the change? My parents became Christians as young adults. … They forgave those that did them wrong. Forgiveness pieced our broken family's relationship, and in fact if you meet them, you could never tell that they came from a broken home. Because they changed their course, my childhood was changed. And I am grateful for that. Don't get me wrong, my life's not perfect, we are not the "storybook" family. Yes, there were hard times we faced as a family, but those hard times drew us closer. But what held my family together? What pieced Tuigamala's together? What was the glue? Faith was the glue.

Being a parent to a child with special needs

By ALDWIN BATUSIN
CORRESPONDENT

Parenting is one of life's hardest tasks. Essentially an unpaid full-time job, parenting tends to the care of children who will carry the generations to come. By President Bill Clinton's authority, every fourth Sunday of July is known as National Parents' Day, a day to commemorate the hard work of parents across the globe and their unparalleled bond with their children. A special demographic within parenting is parents of children with special needs. Together, these parents tackle daily problems head-on to produce the best opportunities and care for their children. With July 24 near the corner, let us take some time to understand how parents of children with special needs struggle in life and some advice they can take to heart:

Emotional impacts. Parenting comes with a huge number of responsibilities, and having a child with special needs adds to the difficulty. Parents feel guilty about their child having a certain disability despite the fact that it is beyond their control. They fear that their disability would have a devastating impact on their child's life, such as a child's ability to make social connections or do well in school. Other parents also feel that they lost their imagined experience of being a parent because of their child's disability. Some will feel jealous or resent other families who have "normal" children.

Financial burden. Caring for children is costly. Parents have to concern themselves with paying bills on time, finding food for the table, and whatnot. With a disability in the family, more essential spendings are added: treatments, interventions, etc. This easily stresses parents because it makes prioritization difficult.

Familial conflict. It is always good news to hear of a new family member. However, life can go as unplanned. There are some family members who feel disappointment or sadness when they hear that a new relative has a disability. Such attitudes should be banished for the sake of the child and the family as well.

These struggles are unavoidable but manageable. The key to surmounting them is to acknowledge their existence and be proactive about solving them. Here are three pieces of advice for parents on supporting their children with special needs.

Learn about your child's special needs. It can be very overwhelming, but ground yourself and approach it calmly. Try to understand the different parts of your child's disability. What are the risk factors for my child? In what ways can this disability affect my child? You may not have immediate help from the start, so it is best to familiarize yourself with the disability your child has. In that way, you can formulate your parenting style that best meets your child's

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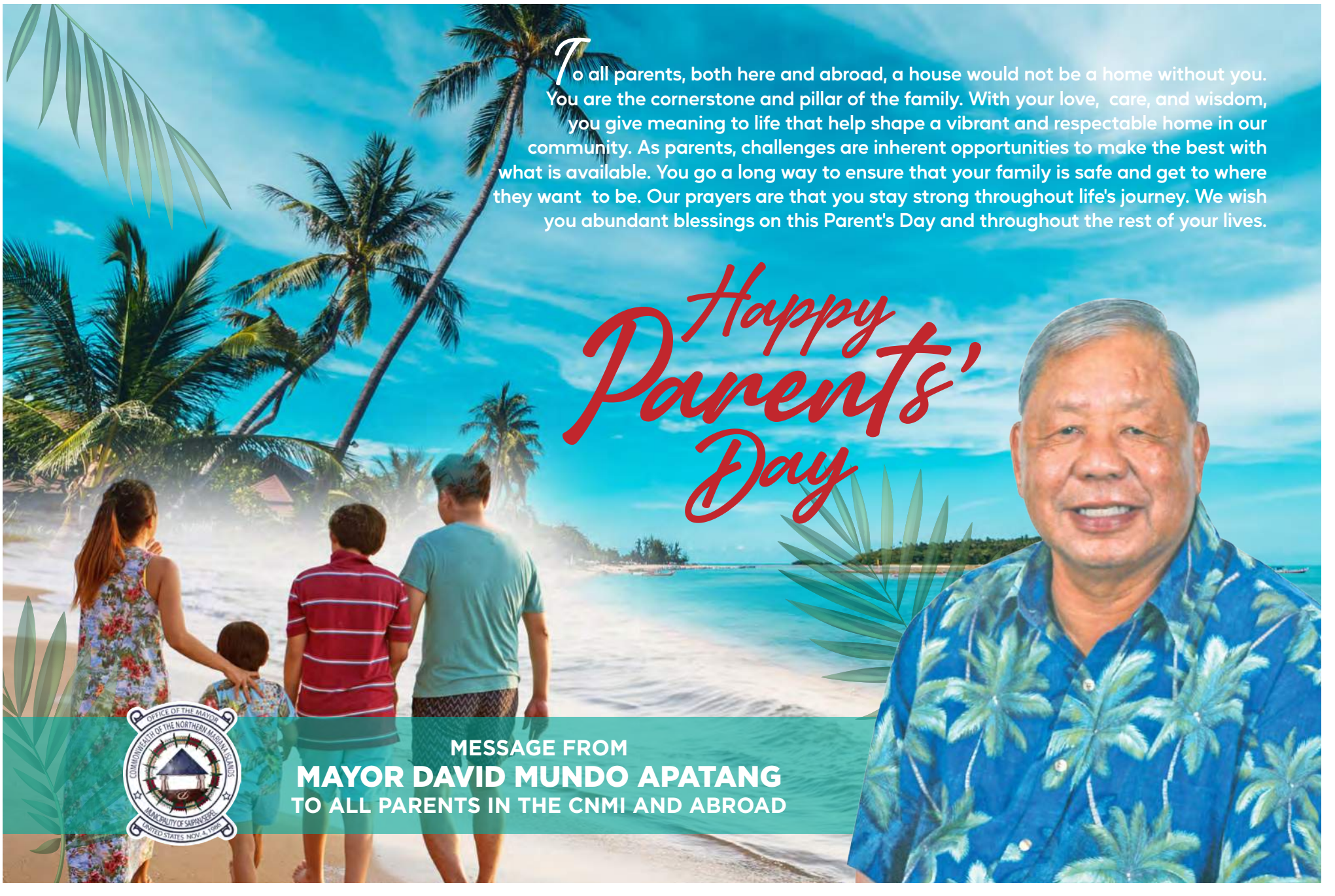
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Let's not fool ourselves: The guns are the problem

Transparent backpacks. Millions of dollars for school security and mental health services. An audit of law enforcement tactics.

After the Uvalde attack, our state leaders are seemingly trying everything they can to prevent the next school shooting. But so far, they refuse to deal with the root source of the tragedy: the easy availability of guns.

A newly released report by a Texas House committee tells a story of cowardice—and not only on the part of law enforcement. The report didn't delve into Texas gun laws, but it revealed that the troubled teen who attacked Robb Elementary bought firearms with minimal effort. Decades of political inaction made that possible.

The gunman began amassing firearm accessories when he was still 17. As soon as he turned 18 in May, he legally bought two AR-15-style rifles, despite displaying violent tendencies for years. He had no criminal history, but he had expressed suicidal thoughts to family members and made violent threats against other social media users.

The bipartisan federal gun legislation passed in the wake of the Uvalde murders was a good first step, but it didn't go far enough. We can do more to prevent gun violence while still respecting Americans' Second Amendment rights.

The legislation required more thorough background checks of gun purchasers under the age of 21. It also closed the "boyfriend loophole," thereby keeping guns out of the hands of abusive dating partners who are not spouses or live-in boyfriends.

And it provided funding to help enforce red flag laws, which allow law enforcement to confiscate weapons from individuals deemed by a court to be a threat to themselves or others.

After decades of federal inertia on guns, this bill was a breakthrough. We welcomed it despite its shortcomings. As we wrote at the time, "The good should not be the enemy of the perfect."

But it shouldn't stop us from demanding more.

While the new federal gun law offers states incentives to implement red flag laws, it does not require them. Here in Texas, many state officials remain opposed to red flag laws, even though a 2019 University of Texas at Austin poll found that 68% of Texans support this kind of measure.

And our background check system is still inadequate. Gun sales between buyers and one-off private sellers aren't subject to background checks—a loophole that allows criminals to circumvent checks at licensed gun dealers.

At the very least we could raise the age to purchase a rifle to 21. That is already a federal requirement for people buying handguns.

Of course, troubled teenagers must receive mental health support and intervention. Transparent backpacks and enhanced school security could protect students. And law enforcement should be prepared to stop an attack.

At the margins, these measures may save some lives. But unless we abandon the death pact we have entered with an overly broad interpretation of the Second Amendment, mass killings will continue apace.

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Momentum from Mini Games offers new outlooks for CNMI residents and visitors

TOGETHER, WE CAN
By JERRY TAN
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Jerry Tan is the president of the Northern Marianas Sports Association, chief executive officer of Tan Holdings, and the co-chairman of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers. As a recognized entrepreneur and employer, Jerry is a passionate advocate for volunteerism and giving back to the community.

On behalf of the Northern Marianas Sports Association (NMSA), we are extremely proud and thankful for the leadership of Governor Ralph DLG Torres, the NMPMG 2022 Games Organizing and Oversight Committees, and all who stepped up for the successful staging of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022. Watching our community gather to cheer on and rally behind Team NMI while warmly supporting the visiting teams shows how sports can bring people together.

During the Mini Games, I watched our community extend the *Håfa Adai* and *Tirow* hospitality that left our visitors feeling welcomed in the Marianas. I witnessed our athletes and officials endure the intense heat and mounting pressure during the games to deliver a great performance in front of the home crowd. I also saw how people from the government and private sectors came out to volunteer their time and stayed late to enjoy the matches.

All of these were accomplished as one community when we decided to honor our commitment and move forward with hosting the Games despite the many challenges we faced these past four years.

It's been almost a month since the close of the Mini Games. However, its positive impact on the sports community as well as other sectors will remain for years to come. I am excited about what's ahead for our athletes now that they have improved facilities in which to train. The athletes performed at the top of their game and gained valuable experience competing against high-level teams. I am certain that the continued support they will receive from the private and public sectors will positively affect the future of sports in the Marianas.

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A boost to sports tourism

The CNMI welcomed more than 1,200 visitors—including athletes, coaches, family members, and officials. The influx of visitors coming into meant spending was at an all-time high. On top of that, special discounts were extended to Mini Games athletes, delegations, and officials, making it more attractive for our visitors to take advantage of the local goods we have. With direct spending at the hotels, restaurants, and venues will stimulate our local economy, keep facilities in business and our residents employed.

Priscilla Iakopo, Marianas Visitors Authority's managing director, said, "With the success of the NMPMG 2022, and the quality facilities that was constructed for the Games, the Marianas has great potential to host and attract regional sports clubs and sporting events to boost sports tourism. Rota, Tinian, and Saipan have been a destination mostly focused on leisure or corporate travel but tapping into the sports tourism market opens up for a more diverse group of visitors."

In past years, international teams like the Kintetsu Buffaloes from Japan, Lotte Giants from South Korea, and the Ireland National Football team have attracted fans and media attention just for having their trainings conducted on Saipan. MVA's annual sporting events such as the XTERRA Triathlon, Ironman Triathlon, and the Konqer regional obstacle course have attracted athletes from six continents, including participants from as far away as Europe.

Having Rota host the Mini Games' triathlon on their island opens up more possibilities of doing an annual triathlon for everyone to enjoy. Tinian was able to offer the Tachogña Beach for the Mini Games' beach volleyball competition. This is a testament that Rota and Tinian have what it takes for the CNMI to effectively promote sports tourism on all three islands. Our goal is to continue to keep our facilities in shape for the community to enjoy and to host off-island teams that need training camp venues.

Developing sports culture and promoting an active lifestyle

Team NMI won an astounding 38 medals (16 gold, 13 silver, and nine bronze), which was more than the total medals the NMI won in all past Mini Games (25) and the Pacific Games (32). Team NMI performed beyond expectations with this impressive medal tally, and I hope this encourages more young people to get into sports, not just for the hardware but for its countless benefits.

Esther Muña, chief executive officer of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., said it all when asked what's the impact of sports on our community. "Participating in regular physical activity helps reduce symptoms of anxiety, boosts your confidence, and may lead

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For the good of the country, Biden shouldn't run again

By RICH LOWRY
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Perhaps the best decision Joe Biden could make as president is to stand down.

It would be a welcome act of statesmanship and self-awareness if the 79-year-old president dropped the insistence that he's running for a second term, and instead announced sometime after the November midterms that he isn't running again.

He was too old to run in 2020 but made his way into the office he had coveted for decades by default.

In two and a half years, Biden won't be any younger and the chances of something going catastrophically wrong only increase with time.

The country's experience with a 78- and 79-year-old president hasn't been pretty. Just wait until Biden is 82 (at the time of his theoretical second inauguration), or 84 (after the second midterms), or 86 (at the end of his second term).

A New York Times report confirms about what you'd expect of White House aides. They fear that Biden, who increasingly shuffles when he walks, will trip over a wire. They hold their breath hoping he can get to the end of remarks without making a gaffe. They generally don't have events for him at night and try to keep the weekends free.

In an office that requires vigor and forcefulness, he's mumbly and bleached out. In a position that makes young men suddenly look much older, he's already quite aged. In a job where words matter, he can't keep his straight.

Yes, there have been elderly leaders of nations who have been unquestioned giants--Konrad Adenauer, Charles de Gaulle, Ariel Sharon. No one is mistaking Biden for a statesman of such caliber, though. He's more like President Jimmy Carter with a quarter century more on the odometer.

Even if in the unlikely event Biden's age isn't affecting how he can do his job now, it will at some point.

Then, there are the disaster scenarios. We should all hope that Biden lives to be a 100 but were he to die in office of natural causes, it would be a significant national trauma. We haven't had a president die in office in half a century and it would create comparisons to the gerontocracy of the late Soviet Union.

If anyone thinks American politics is poisonous now, just wait till there's an unelected president (the vice president would succeed Biden in this scenario) and an unelected vice president appointed by the unelected president. All this would be the process set out by the 25th Amendment; it would generate legitimacy concerns all the same.

If a health event prevented Biden from performing his duties, meanwhile, it would create a crisis at the top of our government. The natural tendency of politicians and their loyalists is to be less than forthcoming about health problems. What Edith Wilson did when Woodrow Wilson had an incapacitating stroke--hide it as much as possible and carry on regardless--wouldn't be possible in the current media age. That doesn't mean there'd be transparency.

The process for sidelining a debilitated president under the 25th Amendment is a mess, especially if the president doesn't think he's incapable of discharging his duties--such a scenario would make an impeachment look neat and clean by comparison.

Perhaps none of this would ever come to pass and a reelected Biden would make it to the finish line with ease, proving that 85 is the new 75. It's also true that anything could happen to anyone of any age--even a 45-year-old president could fall ill. But the longer Biden serves, the higher the risks.

And for what? Biden isn't uniquely gifted, ideologically compelling, irresistibly likable, or very good at being president. His claim to be the only Democrat who can beat Donald Trump in 2024 looks more attenuated by the day.

In short, there's no good reason for Biden not to make the best call of his presidency and prepare for retirement.

Roe's reversal endangers intellectually disabled people

By LISA YEH
Progressive Perspectives

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The recent U.S. Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade places the reproductive health of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in grave jeopardy, as this population suffers a high amount of abuse, including sexual assault.

An estimated 32.9%, or one in three, adults with intellectual disabilities have been sexually abused. The more severe a person's intellectual disability is, the higher this rate becomes.

Additionally, women with intellectual and developmental disabilities have a greater risk for poor pregnancy outcomes. This is increased by the socioeconomic factors that many with intellectual disability face.

Removing options for pregnant individuals with intellectual disabilities can produce a crisis for those who are abused and do not wish to carry the birth to term, or for those who face a medical problem with the pregnancy.

Of course, many who wish to have their children must be supported in their choice. But unfortunately, for some with intellectual disabilities, a pregnancy is not healthy for emotional or physical reasons.

The legal removal of reproductive health care options speaks to the larger problem of how sexuality among those with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) is often ignored. Because of that, there is often a lack of sexual education resources for this community.

Many wrongfully assume that individuals with IDD are not interested in sex. But the reality is that all people have hormones that can lead to sexual desires. People with IDD do desire a closer relationship with others that will sometimes include intimate relations.

In my medical practice, parents often express that they do not wish to talk about sex education for their child with IDD. At schools that specialize in teaching children with IDD, teachers tell me these children cannot comprehend these concepts. And while it is true that it might be difficult to teach someone with intellectual disabilities, with careful instruction, visual supports and much repetition, it is possible for them to learn.

Sex education is an important tool for helping to prevent unwanted pregnancy and abuse, as well as supporting consensual intimate relationships. It also informs choices on contraception, pregnancy and the consequences of choice — all realities impacted by the reversal of Roe v. Wade.

For clinicians and educators, books such as "Teaching Children with Down Syndrome about Their Bodies, Boundaries, and Sexuality" by Terry Couwenhoven and "Sexuality and Relationship Education" by Davida Hartman are helpful resources.

The use of visual supports such as pictures or colors can help increase the ability for a person with intellectual disability to understand concepts related to sexuality. Whichever tools are used, repetition is important to solidify the information. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has a resource guide for parents, teachers and caretakers.

The intellectually disabled community must have access to learn about their options as sexually active adults as well as to act upon consequences of sexual abuse. The recent overturning of Roe v. Wade leaves a potentially dangerous gap in health care for these vulnerable individuals. Their needs cannot be ignored.

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to more social interaction. Physically active adults and children are more likely to report having a better quality of life," said Muña.

As the co-chairman of GCEA, I fully support the development of our national sports program for that same reason. Public School System Commissioner Dr. Alfred Ada said that at the core of the PSS curriculum, they are expanding efforts to promote a healthy lifestyle for students, on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, through PSS' Athletic Program.

Athletes who represented Team NMI in the Mini Games are either students or were former students who took part in interscholastic programs, another key component in developing a sports culture in the NMI. NMSA and its member federations are committed to partnering with PSS and local private schools to develop future national athletes from Rota, Tinian, and Saipan.

Dr. Ada noted that for the past two years and in partnership with the CNMI State Board of Education, PSS expanded its sports and athletics program by initiating partnerships and collaborations with community stakeholders. He added, "With the new facilities that are available, this would further support PSS' initiatives to promote a healthy lifestyle and well-being of our more than 10,000 students in elementary, middle, and high school throughout Rota, Tinian, and Saipan. I can only remain optimistic that this partnership will be sustainable for the next 10 years."

Building local capacity

Thanks to our partners from the Northern Marianas College, the Mini Games aired all nine sports for the world to enjoy. After the games, NMC certified 70 individuals who volunteered to help stream the sports online. The acquisition of new broadcasting equipment allowed the Marianas greater exposure on the world stage and hopefully attract travelers to our shores. As a result, NMC can certify more individuals with newfound broadcasting skills, opening possibilities for new careers.

Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero, NMC president, said, "With the 2022 Pacific Mini Games, the Northern Marianas broke the record for the most livestreams ever in Pacific Games history with more than half a million viewers from around the world. At the forefront of this was NMC, which worked with the Games Organizing Committee to broadcast nine sports, hundreds of athletes, and thousands of supporters across multiple venues on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota."

He added, "Achieving this herculean feat would not have been possible without the videography, computer, and broadcasting equipment that the committee procured. Just as important and impressive was the cadre of about 70 broadcasting volunteers that the college trained using a curriculum we developed with the support and endorsement of the Oceanic National Olympic Committees. Most of the volunteers had never even touched a video camera before the games and yet were able to stream dozens of games is a testament to their hard work and the curriculum developed by the college. With that, we now have both the equipment and the curriculum to launch a new media communications program at the college."

With the NMI hosting the Mini Games, it also meant that we have newly certified officials who can run competitions. Baseball recertified umpires; badminton gained Pacific accredited umpires and line judges; volleyball had referees; and the six other sports officials also completed training. This boosted our capability to officiate and manage local and international competitions.

As I look back to when we were hit by Super Typhoon Soudelor, followed by Yutu and the COVID-19 pandemic, who would have thought we would be here, retelling stories of triumphs accomplished through the community's efforts!

Continuing this momentum in promoting a healthy and active lifestyle, we thank Gov. Torres for his commitment of $475,000 to support athletes invited for representation at off-island sporting events. We look forward to sending off our athletes to represent the entire CNMI in the 2023 Pacific Games and the Micronesian Games.

Once again, we would like to thank our community for making this historic event possible. We did it, and we must continue the collaboration to achieve more goals for the Marianas. Together, We Can!

For more information, visit the GCEA at cnmieconomy.com, on Facebook and Instagram (@cnmigov.economy), or contact them at gceacnmi@gmail.com.

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NMI Museum of History and Culture

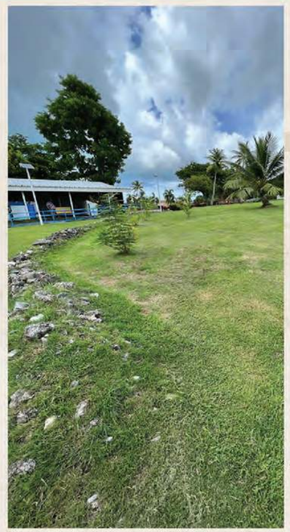
working hard upgrading and modernizing our facility.

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DANNY AQUINO

Hafa Adai! My staff and I have been working hard to make our NMI Museum have a modern look and gradually equipped with modern and technological advances to make your visit memorable and stimulating. We like to ask for your patience during this transition. I would like to thank the NMI Museum Board of Governors, members of the Saipan Legislative Delegation for their continued funding support. I would like also thank Governor Ralph Torres for his support and confidence in my leadership throughout the years. Thank you to the agencies Department of Finance, Procurement Services and everyone who has contributed to the success of the museum.

NMI Pride Month at the NMI Museum

NMI Museum assisted in islandwide beautification and roadside clearing (Cowtown Motocross, Middle Road, Isa Drive, Sugar King Park and ADA Gym)



NMI Museum participated in the 2022 4th of July parade

Famous NMI Museum train made from 55 gallon steel drums

Upgrading the NMI Museum with a modern look

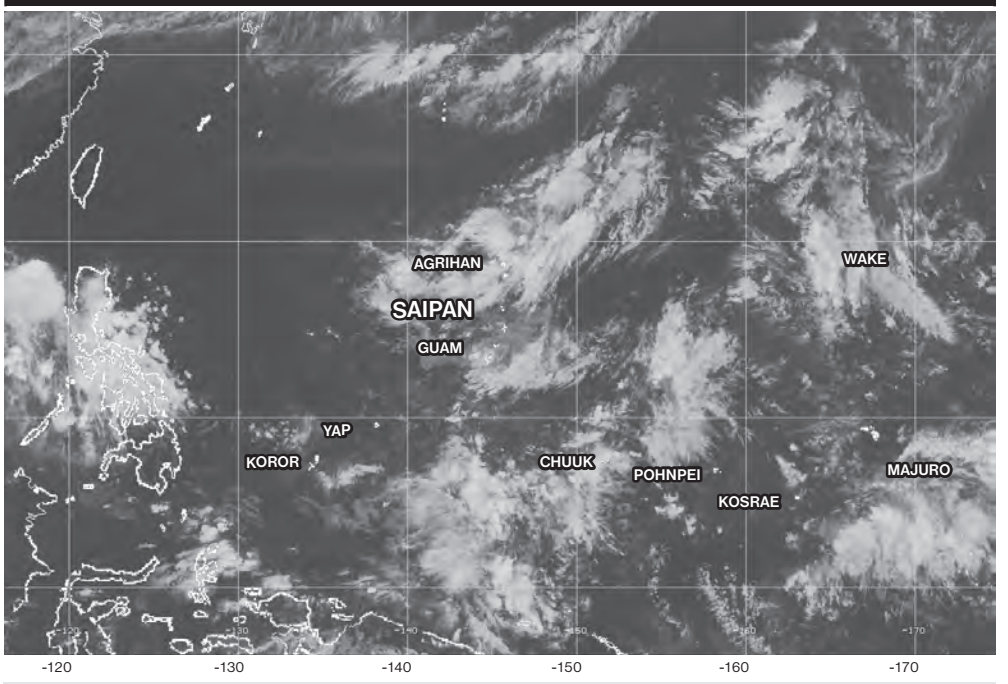
Upgraded Restrooms

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy	Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy	A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy	A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy	A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy
88° 78°	88° 78°	88° 78°	87° 78°	87° 78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A disturbance north of Saipan is producing scattered to numerous showers across Saipan and Tinian waters. Buoys and altimetry show seas between 3 and 4 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Palau	Scattered Thunderstorms	82° / 75°
Yap	Isolated Thunderstorms	85° / 77°
Chuuk	Cloudy	85° / 77°
Pohnpei	Isolated Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	84° / 78°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84° / 77°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:56 AM	6:50 PM
Saturday	5:56 AM	6:49 PM
Sunday	5:57 AM	6:49 PM
Monday	5:57 AM	6:49 PM
Tuesday	5:57 AM	6:49 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	12:37 AM	1:34 PM	-
Saturday	1:17 AM	2:25 PM	-
Sunday	1:58 AM	3:17 PM	-
Monday	2:43 AM	4:09 PM	-
Tuesday	3:31 AM	5:01 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	56° / 44°
Beijing	Thunderstorms	92° / 72°
Hong Kong	Sunny	92° / 83°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	84° / 74°
London	Showers	74° / 58°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	86° / 64°
Manila	Thunderstorms	88° / 78°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	63° / 50°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	88° / 81°
New York	Thunderstorms	93° / 77°
Osaka	Thunderstorms	87° / 75°
Paris	Showers	82° / 62°
Busan	Light Rain	83° / 74°
Rome	Sunny	97° / 74°
Salem	Scattered Thunderstorms	88° / 71°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	65° / 53°
Seoul	Thunderstorms	84° / 72°
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	88° / 76°
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	95° / 74°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY	FEET	
2:05 AM	High Tide	1.99
9:33 AM	Low Tide	0.49
4:22 PM	High Tide	1.58
8:58 PM	Low Tide	1.27

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 18, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	Daily
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	3, 4, 6
RS112	3:45PM	7:30PM	3, 6 up to July 2 only
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	7
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	2:00PM	5:20PM	3, 7
BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1,2,3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	3, 4, 6, 7
RS111	8:45AM	2:05PM	3, 6 up to July 2 only
TW9307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 6, 7
OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
TW9307	9:15AM	2:30PM	1, 2, 3, 5

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	8:00AM	1:00PM	3, 7
BX621	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	SAIPAN	ROTA	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
1303	SAIPAN	ROTA	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	ROTA	SAIPAN	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	ROTA	SAIPAN	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	ROTA	GUAM	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	GUAM	ROTA	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	SAIPAN	TINIAN	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	SAIPAN	TINIAN	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	SAIPAN	TINIAN	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	SAIPAN	TINIAN	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	SAIPAN	TINIAN	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	SAIPAN	TINIAN	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	SAIPAN	TINIAN	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	TINIAN	SAIPAN	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	TINIAN	SAIPAN	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	TINIAN	SAIPAN	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	TINIAN	SAIPAN	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	TINIAN	SAIPAN	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	TINIAN	SAIPAN	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	TINIAN	SAIPAN	17:30	17:45	Daily

The difference between 'fair' and equal'

By JOHN ROSEMOND
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Q: How can I explain to my kids, ages 6 and 9, that "fair" and "equal" are not the same. They complain constantly that I'm not fair. What they mean is I don't treat them the same.

A: You're yelling into a hurricane. Forget it. Below age 12 or 13, children cannot wrap their brains around the difference between the two concepts.

Treating children equally means treating them in the same fashion regardless of any measurable differences between them. Treating children fairly means treating them with consideration of those differences. Take bedtime as regards to siblings ages 5 and 10. To treat them equally, one would send them to bed at the same time. To treat them fairly, one would let the older one stay up later. Obviously, the younger one wants to be treated equally, while the older one wants to be treated fairly.

The concept of meritocracy is germane to the discussion. Meritocracy means privilege is conferred objectively. In the previous case, the objective measure is age, but it could also be talent, effort or expertise. Children do not believe in meritocracy. A child believes—and the younger the child, the stronger the belief—in the "me-tocracy." To Ritchie, it is of no consequence that Frankie runs faster and therefore reached the ball first. Ritchie thinks it's not fair that Frankie has the ball. But then Frankie thinks it's unfair that because Ritchie made straight As through the entire school year, his parents are taking him to Dizzy World. Frankie slacked off during much of the school year. No Dizzy World for him.

Unfortunately, many adults these days seem as confused as children by the difference between fair and equal. The confusion is reflected in the nouveau practice of giving every child on a team an award.

"And the Most Well-Oiled Glove Award goes to Billy Bratnslob! Let's give him a big hand! Good job Billy!"

Keeping kids' secrets

By JANN BLACKSTONE
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Q. How much am I required to tell my co-parent? My teenage daughter has confided some very private things to me and have asked me not to tell her father. I know she prefers our home and I want to keep it that way. I'm afraid if I say something, she will feel as if I have betrayed her trust, never tell me things again and will then want to live with her father. What's good ex-etiquette?

A. Oh my. We've got some red flags flying on this one. The fact that you would consider keeping something from your co-parent because you want to ensure your daughter prefers you and your home is certainly not putting your child first. (Good Ex-etiquette for Parents Rule #1.) Your daughter deserves an honest relationship with both parents, and it's your job as a parent and co-parent to support that.

That said, your daughter's request is quite common—and it's not only when parents are divorced. I remember asking my mother not to tell my dad certain things—and they were married for 40 years before he passed away. It was private health stuff, like having cramps and not feeling comfortable explaining why I was resting, but I still found it embarrassing and I asked her to keep it to herself. So, from that aspect, there are some things that need not be volunteered, and your daughter's requests are expected. HOWEVER, from a parenting point of view, it can be a questionable precedent to set. Add the co-parenting piece and it's even more shaky.

Here's why:

Allegiance and betrayal are huge emotions that all face after a breakup, particularly children who go back and forth between their parents' homes. Even the most loving, caring honest children find a way to get what they want and withhold, confide or shift information that will help to achieve that goal. It's human.

But you start playing the "Don't worry, I won't tell" game with them and they are controlling the flow of information. Children often do not have the emotional sophistication to determine what is necessary to make healthy decisions—and because you've set precedent, you're stuck. That's when the emotional manipulation starts, especially with teens. "How can I trust you, Mom or Dad? You said you'd never tell." And, because parents often already feel guilty about their breakup, they start back pedaling—and the child is running the show.

Of course, children have a right to privacy, particularly older teens, so there is a caveat to this mindset. Some issues are just too sensitive and really need to be volunteered by the child. That is why it is so important for co-parents to support the child's relationship with the other parent and create an environment where the child feels safe confiding in both of you. This would include things like demonstrating respectful behavior and when you sense the child is facing a crisis, initiating counseling with a trusted third party who can help your child explore the issue and then serve as a buffer when he or she feels comfortable discussing the sensitive information.

Consider this a teachable moment for all concerned. That's good ex-etiquette.

Dr. Jann Blackstone is the author of Ex-etiquette for Parents: Good Behavior After Divorce or Separation, and the founder of Bonus Families, bonusfamilies.com. Email her at the Ex-Etiquette website exetiquette.com at dr.jann@exetiquette.com.

CHILD

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special needs. You can also reach out to your community and find resources such as organizations. These entities focus on a specific goal, and if they help with children with special needs, you can communicate with them.

Keep a positive attitude. Children tend to emulate everything about you because they see you as their role model. Inspire them to believe in themselves and that their disability is not their fault. Foster an environment that tells them that life's challenges are just mini speedbumps. Another way to keep a positive attitude is to understand what it is like to be in your child's shoes. Try to get a gist of what it means to inherently not be able to do certain things. Doing all of these can help you create a house of love for your child to grow in.

Remind yourself and your child that disabilities do not define your child. A child's disability is only a fraction of their identity. Their disability may hinder them from performing a certain function, but they will excel in other functions.

Parents of children with disabilities can approach the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities. Their mission is to "bring about necessary systemic change in order to promote the lives of persons with developmental disabilities." You can contact them by calling them at (670) 664-7000/1 or by visiting their location on Capital Hill.

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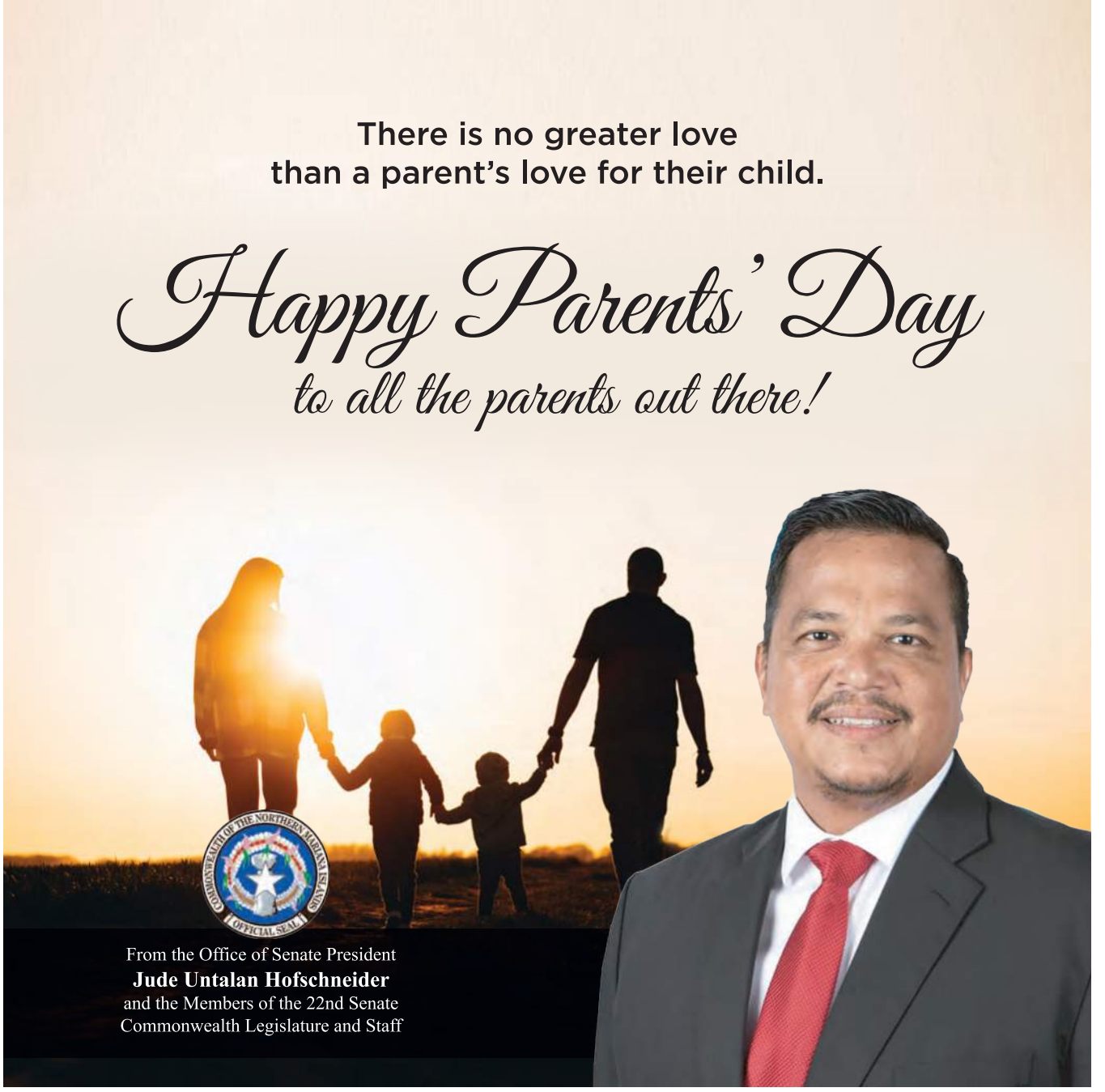
There is no greater love
than a parent's love for their child.
Happy Parents' Day
to all the parents out there!
From the Office of Senate President
Jude Untalan Hofschneider
and the Members of the 22nd Senate
Commonwealth Legislature and Staff

VOX POPULI

What lessons or values have you learned from your parents?

Although my mother, +Rosario Benavente Aldan, is no longer with us, she was a woman of strength, courage and love. My father, +Juan DLG Demapan, unexpectedly passed away when I was only 11, and my younger twin siblings were only 6. In an instant, my mother took on the roles of being both a mother and father to three young children. Growing up under her wings, she showed us that if we persevere and strive for excellence, we will be okay. She was a hard worker who was committed to providing a roof over our head and food on our table for my siblings and I. She was also a gentle and loving soul whose laughter resounded with distinction at our family gatherings. We never had it all, but we made the most of what we had because in the end, it was love, respect and our belief in God that mattered most. These are the lessons she instilled in me. She was committed to her devotions to San Vicente and the Nino Prague; and in her healthier days, would cook meals for some of our priests and sisters. She constantly reminded me that respect would always take us far in life. "Na siguru na i respetu mas un na ya hululu' gi linal'a'-mu" ("Make sure that

respect is the most important thing in your life."). She taught me that when we give respect, we earn the respect, trust, and confidence of others. And that if we all give each other these, we will always be surrounded by people that will lift each other up, in good times and in our most trying times. She believed in me, and today, I make every effort to pay forward the life lessons she has left behind for me and my little family.

Rep. Angel A. Demapan

From working hard to acting with empathy to prioritizing my education, my parents have taught me so much in my 23 years of life. At the foundation of this long list of life lessons is the most important to me, which has got me through the best and most difficult of times: "Treat everyone with kindness and respect."

As a young adult, I often consider how valuable the life lessons my parents taught (and continue to teach me) are, being that these lessons are the culmination of their own experiences, hardships, and what they've learned from their own parents.

I am eternally grateful for the guidance and wisdom passed down to me by my mother, Dr. Barbara Concepcion Hunter, and my father, William Hunter. I have seen both of them work very hard to ensure that my sisters and I have the ability to not only further our education, but also pursue opportunities for growth in leadership and service to our community.

Thank you, mom and dad. You are my motivation to work hard, be kind, and never stop learning, and I am grateful for all that you do.

Brianna Hunter

From growing up with a bunch of six siblings to getting married and then having a family. My parents, Frank and +Anicia Tomokane, gave so much of their unconditional love to support me and my siblings through it all.

If there is anything I could share about what made it possible to stay positive in all situations, it was because of having parents who were patient, kind and very supportive in everything we have done.

Zenn Tomokane

I think I am the luckiest one when it comes to having the best parents. I do not only have one or two, but I have six caring and loving parents. It may seem crazy as it sounds, but I am grateful to every single one of them. Growing up, we weren't the perfect or "complete family," but we were content with each other. I specifically remember these words from my mom, "Be grateful for what you have." I never really understood what that meant, not until I grew up and I realized that nothing in this world is perfect. I've been through many trials, but they never fail to help me get back on my feet. Although having six parents is out of the ordinary, all I could say is that they are the "complete family" I could ever ask for in my life. I love them so much, and I am forever grateful to God for blessing me with them.

Christine Hayag

Life lessons from my parents have been based on faith—to always pray and keep my relationship with our Lord as a priority. As I went through life and experienced some life challenges, I would often be reminded of our Lord's words—that "He will never leave us nor forsake us." To trust and have faith in our Lord, as everything is on His time. We must have faith and trust in what our Lord has planned for us. And to "always do our best and God will take care of the rest." These words were instrumental as I went through college. I was like many who didn't know what I wanted to be in life. After I graduated from college and moved back home, I had a bit of fear of uncertainties. With a leap of faith and trust in Him, I been blessed with this beautiful paradise I can call home. As I started to grow professionally and experienced some challenges and insecurities, my mother reminded me to always do the "right thing" and she sent me the poem by Mother Theresa, "Do it Anyway." This gave me the perfect perspective that I needed and it has carried me. Be kind, help each other and listen as much as possible.

Catherine Attao Toves

CELEBRATING NATIONAL
Parents' Day
"Children, obey your parents in the Lord,
for this is right. Honor your father and mother
so that it may be well with you,
and that you may live long on the earth."
Ephesians 6:1-3
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Honor thy mother and father as the Bible states. Let's take this time to acknowledge and honor those who brought us into this world, and whether they are still around or not , we can always honor their memory since we wouldn't be the individuals that we are today without them.

I must say the one resounding theme or lesson that my mother always tried to instill in us was to always keep God first in everything we do and to always count our blessings. She also believed that you must always try and help others any chance you get. Give without expecting anything in return. Now on the flip side of that, she always said never depend on others and that you have to try and do things for yourself.

Another thing that she instilled in us was to always remain humble in everything that we do. We were also told that if someone spoke ill of you, we are not able to control what others say or think of us, so don't waste any time or energy trying to figure out those reasons since it will only stress you out. The one last thing she always spoke of was to always take care of our health since how are we to take care of others if we can't take care of ourselves. (sigh)

Thank you, mom, I miss and love you every day.

Christopher G. Cabrera

I am everything that I am because Serafina Rosario King-Nabors is my mother. I watched her work from under her desk when she and Auntie Daling Ogumoro were the first females in the CNMI to ever be elected as congresswomen in the 1st CNMI Legislature. I watch her live her life on her own terms, fearlessly and fiercely. Everyday, I get to see her devote her life to her community in silence and in own her way, without any expectation of recognition. She is just doing and giving her best at it. She has taught me by doing. And, everyday that I wake up, my primary goal is to give the best of myself to my family, my friends, and to my community; to live fearlessly and fiercely but most of all, to live with humility. And it is my hope that one day, I can be half the woman that she is.

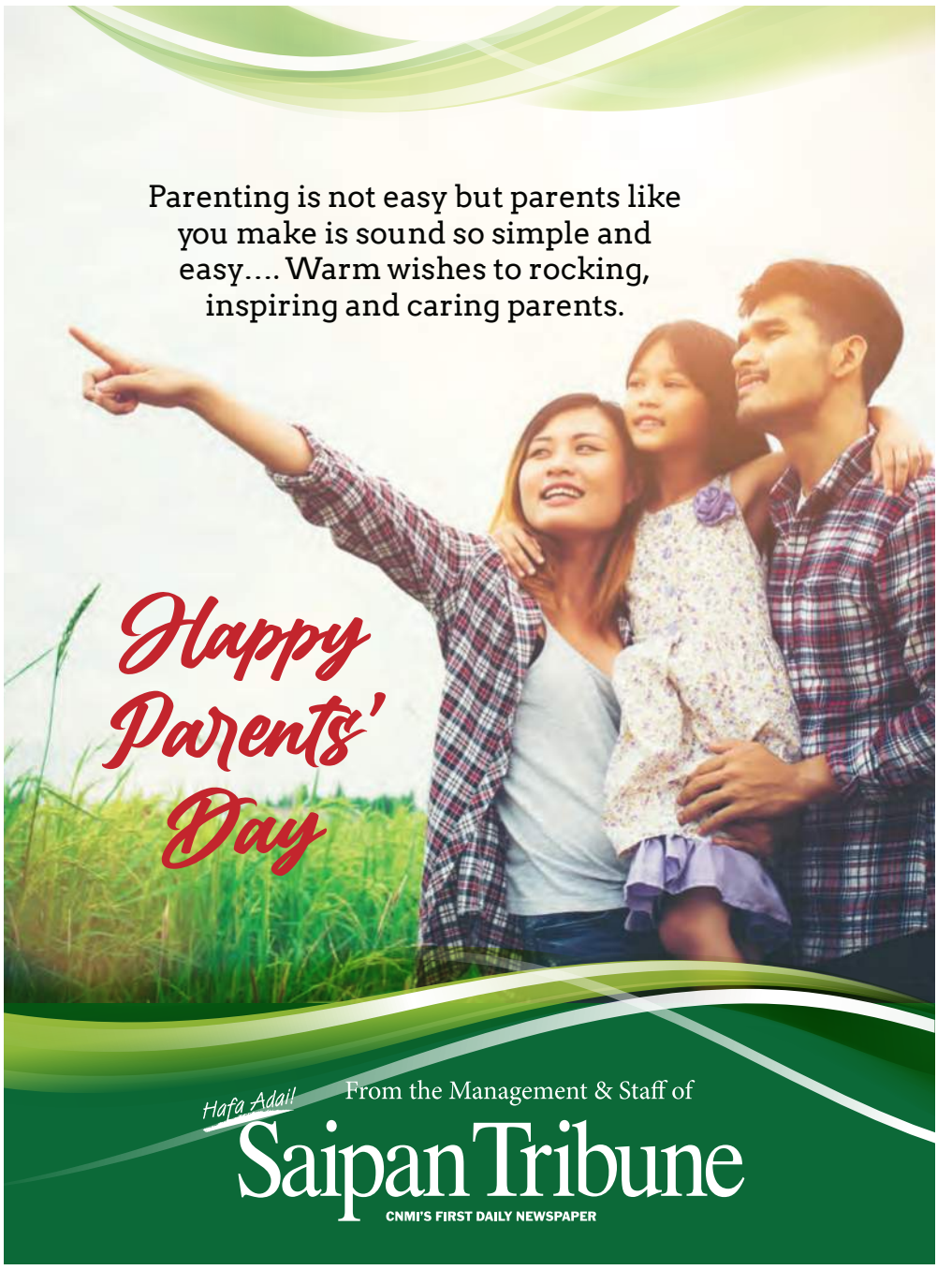
Kimberlyn King-Hinds

Over the years, my parents have taught me useful life lessons, but the one thing that particularly stood out to me was how to be resilient and to never give up. They have taught me to look at things from different angles and find alternative methods to solve the challenges that we are faced with. They wanted me to know that they are always there to support me and have my back, no matter how hard life gets. Knowing that they are always there for me helps to reassure me and gives me courage to try harder and to not quit. I am forever thankful to have them in my life and I don't know what I would do without them.

Justin Laurence Del Rosario

"A mothers love is more beautiful than a fresh flower." This quote has always stuck with me because not only did my mom raise me, she raised me on her own. She's sacrificed so much to provide me and my siblings our wants and needs because she would always say "because I never had that growing up." She taught us to appreciate the little things and to be humble when big things come our way. When hurtful words are being pointed at us, "just take it in one ear, and out the other" or "if you have nothing nice to say, don't say anything at all" when hurtful words leave our lips. She not only tried to spoil us, but she humbled us in the process. For that, I thank her. I love her. I appreciate her. And I have all my life to repay her.

Kiara Pangelinan


Parenting is not easy but parents like you make is sound so simple and easy…. Warm wishes to rocking, inspiring and caring parents.
Happy Parents' Day
Hafa Adai!
From the Management & Staff of
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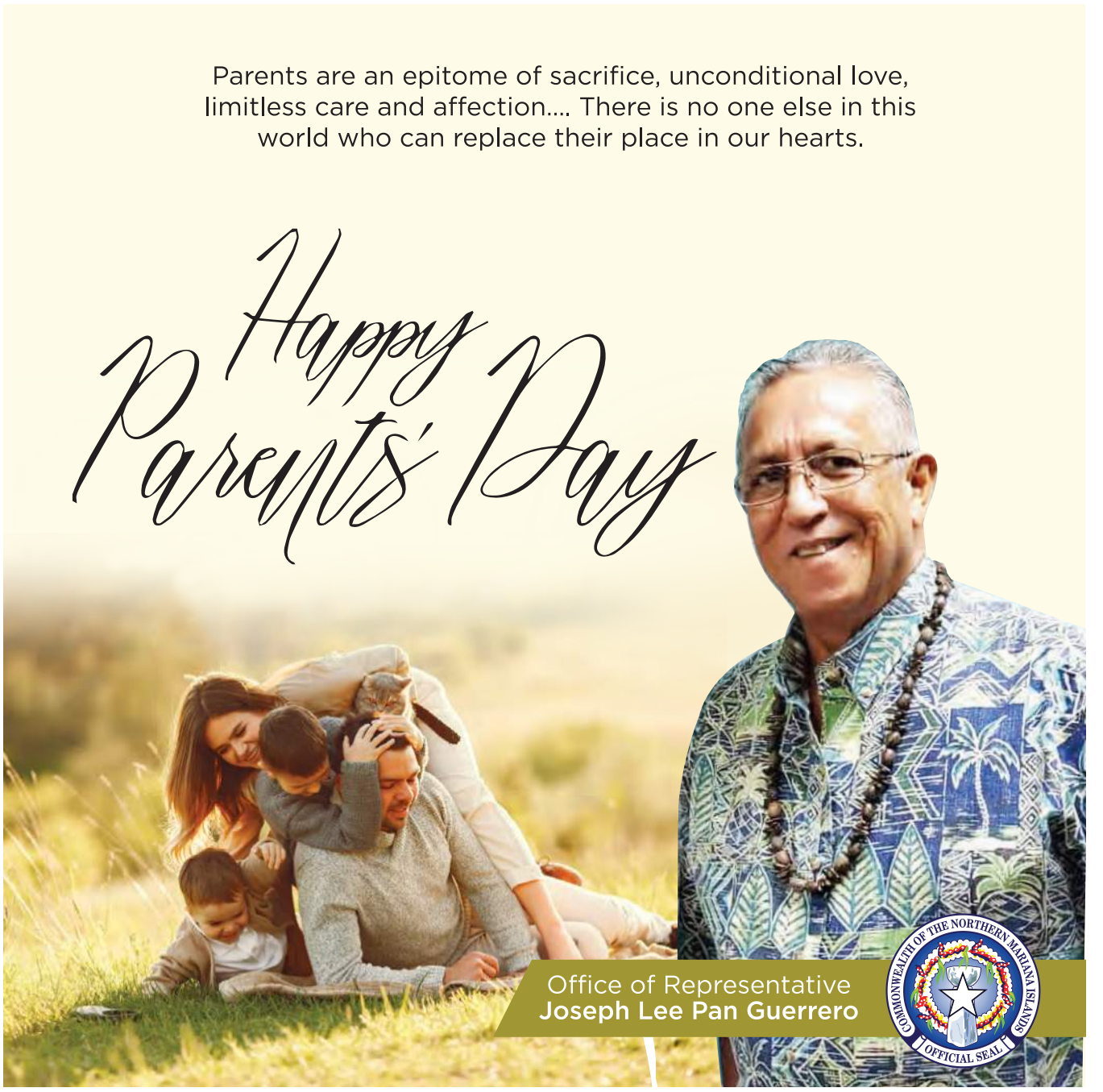
Parents are an epitome of sacrifice, unconditional love, limitless care and affection…. There is no one else in this world who can replace their place in our hearts.
Happy Parents' Day
Office of Representative
Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICIAL SEAL

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Chicken hitches ride, ends up in Vermont's largest city

HINESBURG, Vt. (AP)—A Vermont family's chicken is back home after hitching a ride in the undercarriage of their pickup truck and ending up 13 miles away in the state's largest city late last month—a journey that included speeds of 65 miles per hour on an interstate. Someone having coffee on Burlington's Church Street Marketplace, an outdoor pedestrian mall, spotted the chicken and knew the bird was in a predicament, WCAX-TV reported. "That's a chicken! That's a chicken on Church Street and I don't know why it's here," Lo Fasano told the news station. "What can I do now aside from find who it belongs to?" Fasano called rehabilitators, Shelburne Farms and the police. "They said they don't do chickens," Fasano said. So Fasano took the chicken home, gave her food and a place to nest, and turned to social media. A Facebook post led to finding the chicken's owners in Hinesburg who were worried about the lost hen.

Dunkin' diamond: Dive team retrieves ring from Boston river

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—What could be harder than looking for a needle in a haystack? Probably retrieving a ring from a river. But against all odds, divers with the Cambridge Fire Department managed to fish a Chicago woman's diamond ring from the Charles River after it tumbled into the water while she and her husband were relaxing at a yacht club. Lynn Andrews told WCVB-TV she had removed the ring on Sunday so she could apply sunscreen and placed it in her husband's shirt pocket for safekeeping. But it was a hot day, and when he took off his shirt to cool off with a quick swim, the ring fell in the river. "I said a bad word, and then I took a deep breath, and then I said, 'Everything's going to be fine,'" her husband, Ninos Andrews, told WBZ-TV.

Cat on the lam: Pet caught after weeks on the run at airport

BOSTON (AP)—A family's beloved pet cat that's been dodging airport personnel, airline employees, and animal experts since escaping from a pet carrier at Boston's Logan International Airport about three weeks ago was finally caught Wednesday. "Whether out of fatigue or hunger we'll never know, but this morning she finally let herself be caught," an airport spokesperson said of the cat named Rowdy in a statement. Rowdy was given a health check and will be returned to her family. "I'm kind of in disbelief," said her owner, Patty Sahli. "I thought, 'What are the odds we're actually going to get her back?' But I got a call this morning and I am just so shocked." Rowdy's time on the lam began June 24, as Sahli and her husband, Rich, returned to the U.S. from 15 years in Germany with the Army. When their Lufthansa flight landed, the 4-year-old black cat with green eyes escaped her cage, in pursuit of some birds.

Stop yelling at tourists, say police in Arizona destination

JEROME, Ariz. (AP)—Police in a old Arizona mining town that gets 1 million tourists annually are warning residents to stop yelling at visitors or they could face harassment charges. Jerome, population about 450, was once home to one of Arizona's largest copper mines and is now an hub for artists. Tourists take in its scenic views and visit stores and bars along the winding mountain road that passes through it. But Jerome police said on Facebook this week that it "has come to our attention that some people visiting our town on short visits and using lawful short term parking passes are being yelled at or having notes left on their cars by local residents." And it warned: "Yelling at, or leaving notes could, in some cases, constitute harassment under Arizona Revised Statutes."

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit bid proposals and their qualifications for the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMUTER TERMINAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-007-19,** for the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport Commuter Terminal Building Construction, Project No. CPA-SA-007-19 and submitted no later than **2:00 P.M. (CHST), Friday, AUGUST 26, 2022,** to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read. Bidders are requested to minimize their company's attendees to ensure social distancing.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to, construction of a new commuter terminal facility with four (4) airline offices and counter space, restaurant vendor space, restrooms for departure and arrivals, lactating room, office space/counter for U.S. Customs and Border Protection including all associated work, all in accordance with the Plans and Specifications. In addition, the contractor is provided an allowance for artwork to be provided at the new commuter terminal. The artwork will be locally themed including, but not limited to, painting, murals, or as determined and coordinated with CPA.

The Project is being financed by funds by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

A DVD containing the Contract Documents including plans, specifications and the bid schedule, may be obtained at the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd floor of the Departure Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, upon the payment of **THREE HUNDRED U.S. DOLLARS ($300.00)** for each set of plans and documents in electronic form (DVD). The payment is nonrefundable unless bids are cancelled. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Bidders should notify CPA's point of contact mentioned below immediately if there are issues retrieving the files on the DVD and are to verify all information using the specification table of contents and the index of drawings.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **10:00 A.M. (CHST), FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2022,** at the CPA Saipan Airport Conference Room to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Attendance is not mandatory. A site visit will follow the pre-bid conference. For site visits after the pre-bid conference, bidders are to coordinate with Mr. Edward B. Mendiola, CPA's Deputy Director at edmendiola@cnmiports.com or telephone number (670) 237-6500.

Questions should be submitted in writing to the CPA Executive Director's Office, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport or emailed to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, Executive Assistant/Project Manager at wprater@cnmiports.com at least ten (10) days prior to the bid opening date; with the exception of bid opening extension requests which have no deadline. Responses to all questions and requests for information will be provided to all bidders who picked up a DVD or attended the pre-bid conference.

Bidders shall use the bid schedule form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority on the DVD. Each bidder must also supply all supplemental information required in the specifications.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be **FIVE HUNDRED FORTY (540) calendar days.** Liquidated damages in the amount of **ONE THOUSAND ($1,000.00) Dollars** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day that the completion of the Project is delayed beyond beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder will be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter of the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-28 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The United States Secretary of Transportation has granted the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands an exemption from the requirements of the Department of Transportation's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) regulation, which later became the Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, as it relates to FAA grant programs. The Secretary of Transportation has not determined that a portion of those requirements should be reinstated.

By submitting a bid/proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency from participation in this transaction.

In addition to the above, all bidders shall comply with all other Federal requirements under this procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Government wide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: July 11, 2022

PROPERTY FOR SALE

TRACT 22844-7
NOTICE OF AUCTION & SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned counsel, Attorney Robert T. Torres, the auctioneer (or his designee), for and on behalf of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund, will sell at auction, to the highest bidder, **on August 11, 2022, at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Nanka Place, Capitol Hill, Saipan, Municipality, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described further as follows:

Tract 22844· 7 (part of Tract 22844-R2, original Tract 228844, Lot 315, H-695), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2086/90, the original of which was recorded on 13 MAR 90 as Documents No. 90-1005 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan, and recorded again 19 MAR 90 as Document No. 90-1087 at Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
   a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before the sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever there; and
   c) to reject any and all bids.

2. Minimum Bid. Minimum bid for the sale of Tract 22844-7 is **Ninety-Four Thousand Three Hundred Fifteen Dollars and 50/100 (US $94,315.50)**. All bids shall be in writing and constitute a formal offer from each bidder. Bids may be submitted in advance in writing for the foregoing property. The minimum bid shall be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be submitted in person (at the auction), via e-mail, or in writing by delivery to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 500730, Saipan, MP 96950, Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: robert.torres@rttlawgroup.com **by 8:00 a.m., Chamorro Standard Time on the auction date.** Any person who submits his/her bid shall provide a copy of his/her valid Identification Card (valid CNMI Driver's License or Passport). A written bid shall include the bidder's signature, with his/her telephone number, mailing address, and any other contact information. The winning bidder shall be the person to whom the property is confirmed if the bid is accepted. The NMI Retirement Fund assumes no liability for any errors or omissions as to a bidder's name or identification if that information is not correctly indicated on the bid form. **Please contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for a bid form.**

3. Deposit and Payment. A non-refundable guarantee deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale by the winning bidder, no later than 4 pm on that date, by payment to the Law Office of Robert T. Torres. The remaining balance shall be due within ten (10) calendar days from the auction sale. If the tenth calendar day falls on a weekend then the balance shall be due that Monday after the tenth calendar day. **All payments shall be made by cash, money order, or cashier's check.** Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of a 10% deposit, and any and all of the bidder's rights, title, and interest in the money shall revert to the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund.

4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund reserve the right to change any of the terms conducted and enforcement of sale by the announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by the constructive notice.

5. Quitclaim Deed to Winning Bidder: All bidders are notified that the NMI Retirement Funds, the Judgment – Creditor, shall issue a Quitclaim Deed to the Winning Bidder.

6. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are informed and cautioned to inspect the title and property including performing any title research, property inspection, boundary inspection, easement research, and encroachment research on the subject property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold **"AS IS"** and without any warranties including but not limited to habitability or fitness for purpose. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer. A copy of the appraisal report and other documents pertaining to the property to be sold at auction are available upon request for review in advance of the auction date.

DATED this 7th day of July 2022.

/s/_____
Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer
for NMI Retirement Funds

Science & Technology

NASA aiming for late August test flight of giant moon rocket

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—On the 53rd anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing, NASA announced Wednesday it's shooting for a late August launch of its giant, new moon rocket.

NASA will attempt the more than month-long lunar test flight with three mannequins, but no astronauts, as early as Aug. 29. There are also two launch dates in early September, before NASA would have to stand down for two weeks.

NASA's Jim Free noted the test flight begins "our Artemis program to go back to the moon." The space agency's new lunar program is named Artemis after Apollo's twin sister in Greek mythology.

The 30-story Space Launch System rocket and attached Orion capsule are currently in the hangar at Kennedy Space Center, following repairs stemming from last month's countdown test. Fuel leaks and other technical trouble cropped up during NASA's repeated launch rehearsals at the pad.

NASA officials assured reporters Wednesday that the problems have been resolved and that testing is almost complete. But they cautioned the launch dates could slip, depending on the volatile Florida weather and issues that might arise before the rocket is supposed to return to the pad on Aug. 18.

Invited guests and NASA employees take photos as NASA's Space Launch System (SLS) rocket with the Orion spacecraft aboard is rolled out of High Bay 3 of the Vehicle Assembly Building for the first time, at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., Thursday, March 17, 2022. AP

US environmental study launched for Thirty Meter Telescope

HONOLULU (AP)—The National Science Foundation said Tuesday it plans to conduct a study to evaluate the environmental effects of building one of the world's largest optical telescopes on sites selected in Hawaii and Spain's Canary Islands.

The agency published a notice in the Federal Register of its intentions to prepare an environmental impact statement for the $2.65 billion Thirty Meter Telescope.

The telescope's supporters have pursued plans to build it on their preferred site on the summit of Mauna Kea, Hawaii's tallest mountain and one of the world's best locations for viewing the night sky, for over a decade. But there is strong opposition from Native Hawaiians who consider the mountain's summit sacred.

The National Science Foundation plans to host four meetings on the Big Island of Hawaii in August. It said it won't decide on whether to fund the telescope until after it considers public input, the environmental review, the project's technical readiness and other factors.

Protesters blocked construction crews in 2015 and 2019, saying building a new telescope there would further defile a site that they say has already been harmed by a dozen other observatories.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 04-2022

Opening date: July 13, 2022 Closing date: August 03, 2022

Location: SAIPAN		SALARY
Positions:	(1) Internal Auditor	UNGRADED
	(1) Accounts Clerk	PL 2/1 to 2/12 ($7.63/hr. to $13.04/hr.)
	(1) AOA Controller-I	PL 5/1 to 5/12 ($8.83/hr. to $15.10/hr.)
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Detailed information on qualifications and position descriptions for the above positions may be picked up along with the application form from Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., except on holidays, at the CPA Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Arrival Terminal or CPA Admin. Office at the Tinian International Airport or at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport. For additional information, please contact the CPA Human Resources Office by email at lorna.tenorio@cnmiports.com or by phone at (670)237-6500.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
MULTI YEAR FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FY 2022, FY 2023, AND FY 2024
PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-007-22

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (the "CPA") is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for awarding a contract to provide multi-year financial and compliance audit for FY 2022, FY 2023, and FY 2024. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the CPA because the CPA wishes to acquire services and or products that cannot be evaluate by cost alone (NMIAC 40-50-225 (a)). The Scope of Work and other considerations will be available for pick up beginning ***July 01, 2022***, upon a non-refundable payment of $100.00 in cash, cashier's check, certified check, or credit card to the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor-Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport no later than ***4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, August 01, 2022***. Proposals received after the date/time indicated above will not be opened and will be returned to the Proposer.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest. All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
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AGENDA

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission hereby gives notice that the Commission has scheduled its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's 2nd Floor Conference Room at the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai, Saipan. However, because of the limited space available, access to the Commission's meeting will also be available via video conference.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

I. PRELIMINARIES:
A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call
C. Adoption of Agenda
D. Approval of Minutes: June 23, 2022

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. REPORTS:
A. Report by the Chairman
B. Report by the Acting Executive Director

IV. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:
- Deferred

V. OLD BUSINESS:
A. Munis System – HR Program Training and Implementation
B. Federal Case No.: 1:18-cv-00030 (Statement of non-opposition by the CCC on the sale of IPI's casino gaming machines

VI. NEW BUSINESS:
A. Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC (IPI) - Motion for Admission of K.T. Abikoff, D.H. Weiner, S.W. Salyer to Practice Before Commission
B. H.B. 22-111. To amend the compensation of the Casino Commission Members

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
A. Consult with Legal Counsel
B. Report by the CCC Divisions
C. CCC Personnel Matters

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
The Commission reserves the right to amend this agenda and take action on the amended agenda pursuant to 1 CMC §9910 (b). Pursuant to 1 CMC §9912 (a)(7) and 1 CMC §9912 (c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting, if necessary. For those interested in joining or attending the meeting via video conference, please contact the Commission at info@cnmicasinocommission.com for instructions on how to log-in to the conference site.

Mariano Taitano
Acting Chairman

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
RE-ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 22 – 022

Opening Date: July 12, 2022
Closing Date: July 25, 2022

POSITION TITLE:	**Fiscal Assistant/Dispatch Operator**
DEPARTMENT:	**COA/Customer Service/Call Center**
LOCATION:	**Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA**
ANNUAL SALARY:	**$16,742.00 per annum, Non-Exempt**
CONTRACT:	**Not Contracted**
POSITION(S):	**Four (4)**

The incumbent will be under the direct supervision of the Chief of Administration or his/her designee.

Duties:

- Monitors radio communications in order to dispatch crews for troubleshooting and for related service calls.
- Receives incoming calls reporting complaints or issues related to water, sewer or power utilities; provides general customer service; and routes service calls to appropriate resource.
- Organizes and maintains file systems and pertinent records.
- Performs data entry; maintains and updates logs and dispatch related documentation.
- Prepares and maintains requisitions.
- Follows up with customers to provide basic information, status updates, and to verify customer's experience and any remaining service needs.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:
Education: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS and up to 1 year of customer service experience.
Knowledge of: Customer service principles; Basic recordkeeping principles; Radio communications equipment procedures; Modern office technology.
Skills in: Providing customer service; Monitoring and utilizing radio communications and equipment; receiving and routing service or problem calls; entering, updating and maintaining data; organizing and maintaining filing systems and records; preparing and updating logs, records and related documentation; performing follow up calls to ensure adequate service provision; utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

All applicants may be tested and all applicants are subject to pre-employment drug test.

How to Apply: Submit a completed CUC Employment Application, resume, and applicable supporting documents to the CUC Human Resources office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan, Monday through Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm (Except Legal Holidays). Applicants on the island of Tinian and Rota may submit their documents to their respective CUC Administration office. Application, resume and supporting documents can also be e-mailed to: employment.applications@cucgov.org

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Netflix tests another way to charge for password sharing

Netflix Inc. will ask customers in five Latin America countries to pay a fee if they want to use their account in an additional home, a test the company hopes will generate additional revenue by getting customers to pay to share their Netflix account.

Customers in Argentina, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and the Dominican Republic will be asked to pay an extra fee if they use an account for more than two weeks outside of their primary residence, the company said in a blog post Monday. This won't affect the use of Netflix on mobile devices such as smartphones, tablets or laptops, nor will it affect people on vacation. The additional home will cost 219 pesos ($1.70) in Argentina and $2.99 in the other countries.

Netflix has said that more than 100 million households are using accounts paid for by other people, and blamed password sharing as one of the primary reasons for its flagging subscriber growth. The company lost 200,000 customers in the first quarter, and forecast it would lose 2 million more in the second. Its share price has dropped more than 65% this year as investors fret that the streaming business is in trouble.

"Today's widespread account sharing between households undermines our long term ability to invest in and improve our service," Chengyi Long, a director of production innovation, said on the blog.

Password sharing has been particularly high in Latin America, where Netflix is conducting its first two tests to see if people will pay for access. The company is trying to limit sharing without punishing people who already pay for Netflix or alienating viewers. The effort has been portrayed at times as a crackdown, which has caused some customers to worry they will lose access to their account.

Science Matters
Arms sped first steps onto land
About 390 million years ago, earliy four-legged animals (tetrapods) crept out of the water onto land. New studies show that their upper front leg (humerus) bones crucially helped them.
Illustration by Davide Bonadonna
Footprints later became fossils
Acanthostega
Ichthyostega
Sliding tracks
25 cm (10 in)
Seen from overhead, two early four-legged animals come out of the water onto land. Their movements leave tracks.
Stages from fins to legs
How humerus bones evolved
Aquatic fish
FISH-LIKE BODY
Blocky humerus
Fins could make backward forces for swimming
Tetrapod (transitional)
AMPHIBIAN-LIKE PARTS
L-shaped humerus
Legs allowed force both downward and backward
Tetrapod (terrestrial)
Twisted humerus
Efficient legs led to dinosaurs, later animals
Source: Stephanie Pierce of Harvard University; Nature (journal)
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Animal arms race
Being able to walk around set the stage for diverse new species, living in a wide range of land ecosystems
Lizard (above) and cat-like civet (below) used strong forelegs for running
Apes could walk, using their arms for support or grasping
Humans walk upright, arms free
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service

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JVA No. 22 – 071

Opening Date: July 12, 2022
Closing Date: July 25, 2022

POSITION TITLE:	**Fiscal Technician, Senior**
DEPARTMENT:	**COA/Billing and Collections**
LOCATION:	**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA**
ANNUAL SALARY:	**$24,096.00 - $29,393.00 per annum, Non-Exempt**
CONTRACT:	**Not Contracted**
POSITION(S):	**Two (2)**

The incumbent will be under the direct supervision of the Chief of Administration or his/her designee.

Duties:

- May provide lead direction and/or supervise staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff is trained; ensuring that employees follow policies and procedures; maintaining a healthy and safe working environment; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations.
- Receives, reviews and verifies vendor invoices and statements; service reports; time sheets; payroll information; and/or other payable documentation; ensures completeness and accuracy of calculations and information.
- Determines general ledger account information or expense allocation information; processes accounts payable or payroll transactions; routes check payment or wire transfer information for approval; posts accounts upon approval.
- Researches and reviews account, billing or system information; prepares reconciliations of financial data; updates and maintains account or employee data; calculates and prepares financial adjustments or account charge information.
- Assists internal and external customers with inquiries or account information; receives complaints; researches issues; provides information and explains processes and procedures; recommends resolutions to issues.
- Retrieves, files and maintains records, documents and tracking spreadsheets; processes purchase orders; prepares reports, work orders and/or audit confirmations; compiles documents and drafts correspondence.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:
Education: Associate's Degree in Accounting or directly related field and 3 years of fiscal support experience.
Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Supervisory principles, practices and techniques (based on assignment); Customer service principles; Mathematical principles; Recordkeeping principles; Research methods; Modern office technology.
Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Supervising, monitoring, training and evaluating staff (based on assignment); Receiving, reviewing, posting and reconciling fiscal data or account information; Verifying fiscal data and updating account information; Responding to inquiries, researching information and resolving issues; Performing mathematical calculations and making corrections and adjustments; Researching and preparing account adjustments and related documentation; Preparing and maintaining files, forms, correspondence, reports and records; Updating, maintaining and preparing reports and spreadsheet tracking documents; Researching account information and providing information regarding billing disputes; Organizing and maintaining records management systems; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

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COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-22-035

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, 2023 & 2024

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) requires the services of a U.S. Certified Public Accounting Firm/Individual with knowledge, skill, and experience in auditing (1) financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and auditing standards of the U.S. and; (2) federal awards programs in accordance with the Single Audit Act and U.S. Office of Management and Budget requisites.

- Provide assistance to the CUC management with the preparation of the annual financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America
- Ensure that the financial statements and auditor's reports also meet any specific requirements contained in agreements or other contractual requirements relative to financial statement presentation and the audits.
- Submit the draft financial statements and accompanying auditor's reports to CUC management no later than January 31st of each year, and issue the final reports no later than February 28th of each year.
- Provide 15 bound copies of the final financial statements and accompanying auditor's report
- Provide an electronic copy (e.g., .pdf format) of the final report to the CUC.

Auditors are responsible to review the 2022, 2023 & 2024 financial statements to include the physical CUC assets for each fiscal year.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked ***"CUC-RFP-22-035, Financial and Compliance Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2022, 2023 & 2024"*** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **August 3, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 20, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Greg Cruz, CUC Chief Financial Officer, via email address greg.cruz@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Senior Purchasing Technician via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

CHRETIEN T. VOERG
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

Life & Style

Comic-Con returns in full force with costumes, crowds

SAN DIEGO (AP)—The pop culture extravaganza that is Comic-Con International is back to its old extravagance. Stars, cosplayers and hordes of fans are filling the San Diego Convention Center in full force for the first time since 2019. Here's a look at this year's version of the four day festival.

Comic-crowds

The pandemic necessitated virtual versions of Comic-Con in the summers of 2020 and 2021, and a scaled-back in-person version in November, but none were anything like the usual spectacle, with lovers of all things geeky descending from around the globe and arena-sized panels on films and TV shows that resemble sporting events.

It's not clear whether the convention will draw the estimated 135,000 people who flooded San Diego before the pandemic. But when the doors of the Convention Center opened for Wednesday's preview night, the fans came in droves, mobbing the convention floor. As required, nearly all wore masks — the protective kind, not the super-villain kind, though there were plenty of those too — and the excitement amid the crowd was palpable.

"Everybody's just been cooped up for a while, and they've been anticipating this," said Dinh Truong, 34, who came to Comic-Con for the second time from his hometown of Minneapolis. "It's nice just to see everybody in the same atmosphere. I'm excited to see the program, see what's going on, see everybody cosplaying and all that, and just getting back to what we used to be."

Far bigger crowds are expected Thursday, when the events begin in earnest.

AP

Jay Acey, right, dressed as A-Train from the television series "The Boys," mingles with Maddox Cruz, 1, of Orange, Calif., outside Preview Night at the 2022 Comic-Con International at the San Diego Convention Center, Wednesday, July 20, 2022, in San Diego.

Comic-cosplay

It's likely no one has missed the in-person convention more than the captains, queens and connoisseurs of cosplay. Comic-Con is their Met Gala, and no getup is too elaborate.

Lorelei McKelvey, 54, who is from San Diego but now lives in Yokosuka, Japan, was dressed as Captain Carter, Captain America's British, World War II-era counterpart.

"I had to do one that I could authentically replicate," McKelvey said. "I went and did my research and found out what were the authentic British officer leathers worn in World War II, and I found manufacturers to actually make those leathers."

She walked the Convention Center floor in real-as-possible officer cavalry boots and Royal Air Force gauntlets, and carried a 5-pound steel shield.

McKelvey came to Comic-Con and worked a booth for 20 straight years. This is her first time coming as a cosplayer, and her second time coming as a trans woman, and she's excited to be reunited with the cherished friends she's made here.

"My last convention is the first time they've seen me as Lorelei," McKelvey said. "This is their first time to see me four years later and to see how much I've grown since then."

Others wandered the halls Wednesday as "Star Wars" Stormtroopers, the Mandalorian, Wonder Woman, and Sailor Moon. Chuckie from "Child's Play" emerged from one cosplayer's stomach.

Comic-coming attractions

Comic-Con makes most of its news as a venue to show off trailers and footage from forthcoming films and TV shows during star-studded mega-panels held in Hall H, which holds some 6,000 people. Announced panels include Warner Bros. and the DC Universe's "Black Adam." It will include Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, who plays the titular antihero, director Jaume Collet-Serra, and the stars playing Hawkman, Dr. Fate, and other members of the Justice Society.

"Get ready, because the hype is real," Johnson said in pro-wrestler promo mode on Instagram earlier this month. "Guess who's coming to town, the most electrifying man in all the DC Universe."

$5K reward for suspect in shooting of Lady Gaga's dog walker

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Federal authorities are offering a $5,000 reward for information about the man who allegedly shot Lady Gaga's dog walker last year in Hollywood and stole two of the pop star's French bulldogs. He was mistakenly released from custody in April and remains missing.

James Howard Jackson, 19, was one of five people arrested in connection the violent robbery in February 2021. He was facing an attempted murder charge when he was released from Los Angeles County's jail "due to a clerical error."

Detectives do not believe that the thieves initially knew the dogs belonged to the pop star, who was in Rome filming a movie at the time. The motive was supposedly the value of the French bulldogs—which can run into the thousands of dollars. The dogs were later returned by a woman who claimed she'd found them; she was later arrested and found to be in a relationship with another suspect's father.

U.S. Marshals, in a statement Monday, said Jackson should be considered armed and dangerous. The reward is for information that leads to his arrest. Authorities previously said Jackson is a documented gang member but have not provided additional information.

Representatives for Lady Gaga did not immediately return a request for comment Wednesday.

The dog walker, Ryan Fischer, was with Lady Gaga's three dogs—named Asia, Koji and Gustav—in Hollywood just off the famed Sunset Boulevard when he was attacked.

Video from the doorbell camera of a nearby home shows a white sedan pulling up and two men jumping out. They struggled with Fischer and one pulled a gun and fired a single shot before fleeing with two of the dogs, Koji and Gustav. The video captured Fischer screaming, "Oh, my God! I've been shot!" and "Help me!" and "I'm bleeding out from my chest!"

Fischer—who was shot once in the chest with a bullet from a .40-caliber handgun—previously called the violence "a very close call with death" in social media posts.

Lady Gaga offered a $500,000 reward—"no questions asked"—to be reunited with the dogs at the time. It was not immediately clear whether the singer will also contribute toward a reward for Jackson's arrest.

Half-century of friendship ends abruptly over new beau

DEAR ABBY: For 50 years, I had a close career and personal friend I'll call "Ellen." She has been married a long time, but I know she and her husband have had some rocky patches. Ellen was with me through the tragic loss of my son and, six weeks later, my very ill husband. I couldn't have gotten through it without her.

After being alone for 17 years, I met a man in the construction trade. He has his own business and is a fine, intelligent, kind, considerate man. He took care of his sick wife, as I took care of my ill husband. He also lost a grandchild. He was married for 51 years; I was married for 28. We are four years apart in age and have a deep, abiding love and understanding for each other.

Abby, immediately upon meeting him, Ellen rejected him and abruptly ended our friendship! She thought, "because of my education," I should be with a lawyer or doctor. I recently married this wonderful man and let her know. No response. I was deeply hurt by her actions.

It has been six years, and I have other good friends. My husband's six children are lovely to me. Yet I remain puzzled by what Ellen did. I was so close to her, her family and her other friends. I'm not sure how she has explained my absence. Her home was a second home to me. We saw each other frequently. I regret I couldn't tell her family and friends this parting was not my choice. I may never understand this situation. Do you have any advice?

PUZZLED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PUZZLED: As much as we might wish the opposite, not all friendships last forever. If you have described Ellen accurately, this dear friend was an elitist who judges people by a far different scale than you do. She may also have been upset that, after so many years of your depending on her, you were finally getting your emotional needs fulfilled elsewhere. I'm not a mind reader, and I have never met the woman, but, PLEASE, don't waste another minute looking backward. Enjoy the here and now and spend no more time dwelling on something you cannot change.

DEAR ABBY: When I was leaving work last Friday, I caught two co-workers in a passionate kiss. The elevator doors were just about closed, but I waved my hand and they opened back up. I averted my eyes before they realized I was there and jumped apart. Because I was in shock, I made some nervous small talk and did not acknowledge the elephant in the elevator.

My issue is they are both upper management and married to other people. I have no plans to "out" them, but I'm confused about how to interact with them going forward. I work with them on a daily basis as well as attend company parties, which their spouses usually attend. Any advice would be appreciated as my respect for them has plunged.

SHOULD HAVE WAITED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR SHOULD HAVE: This is a minefield, so tread carefully and do not say a word about what you saw to anyone. Your respect for those two may have diminished, but it is vital—for your own sake—that your behavior toward them remain the same as it has always been. It may take a large dose of amnesia on your part to accomplish this, but it is what I am recommending.

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DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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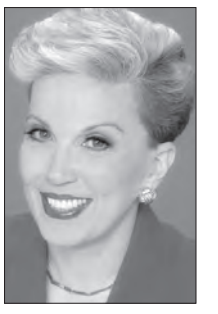

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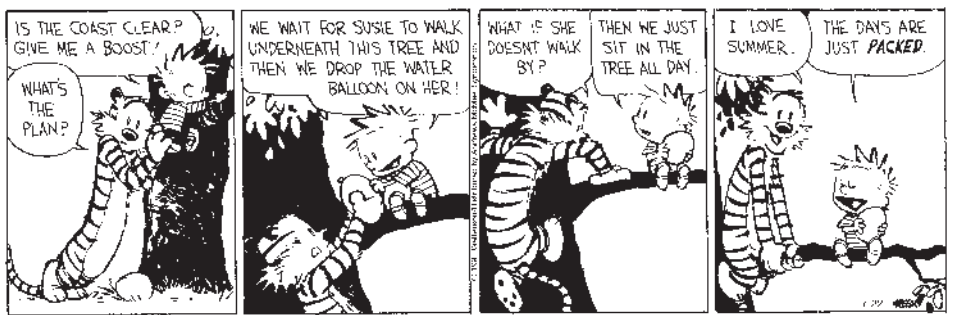
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


IS THE COAST CLEAR? GIVE ME A BOOST!
WHAT'S THE PLAN?
WE WAIT FOR SUSIE TO WALK UNDERNEATH THIS TREE AND THEN WE DROP THE WATER BALLOON ON HER!
WHAT IF SHE DOESN'T WALK BY?
THEN WE JUST SIT IN THE TREE ALL DAY.
I LOVE SUMMER.
THE DAYS ARE JUST PACKED.

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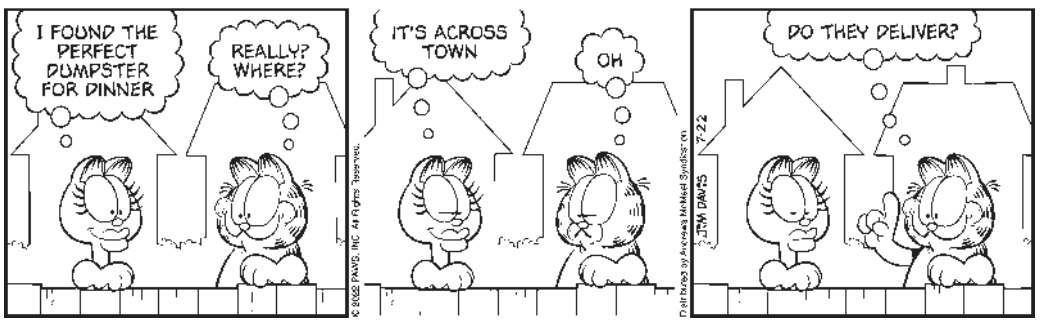
By Jim Davis



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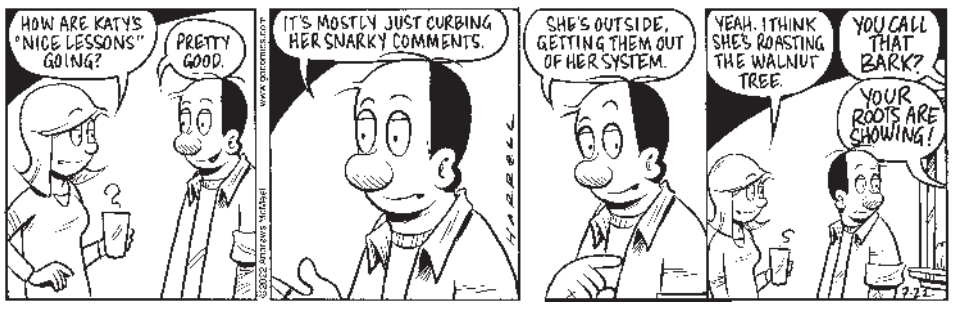
HOW ARE KATY'S "NICE LESSONS" GOING?
PRETTY GOOD.
IT'S MOSTLY JUST CURBING HER SNARKY COMMENTS.
SHE'S OUTSIDE, GETTING THEM OUT OF HER SYSTEM.
YEAH. I THINK SHE'S ROASTING THE WALNUT TREE.
YOU CALL THAT BARK?
YOUR ROOTS ARE SHOWING!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

THERE'S A SQUIRREL ON MY SIDEWALK.
IT'S NOT YOUR SIDEWALK.
MY TAX DOLLARS PAID FOR THAT SIDEWALK!
YOU DON'T PAY TAXES.
WHAT ARE YOU? SOME KIND OF SQUIRREL SYMPATHIZER?!

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
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4 Rm. coolers
7 Bashes
12 Epoch
13 Speck
14 Mowing sites
15 Goal
16 Handel compositions
18 Author Harper
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23 Prejudice
27 Mardi Gras VIP
29 Borneo beasts
31 Pocket breads
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35 Delphi figure
37 In shape
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39 Gorilla
41 Wild guess
45 Cornell and Yale, e.g.
47 E.T.'s craft
48 Citrus drink
52 Carnival city
53 Sal of "Exodus"
54 Just out
55 Rage
56 Croc's kin
57 Hosp. areas
58 Homer's neighbor

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1 Daily trio
2 Disney mermaid
3 Star's bit part
4 Big fusses
5 Brain layer
6 Fab Four drummer
7 Dud
8 Hearing thing
9 Prefix with night
10 Rock producer Brian
11 Snake's warning
17 Tropical tuber
21 Pre-prandial prayer
23 Entices
24 Pen filler
25 Get older
26 Old map letters
28 Immigrant's subj.
30 Hitter's stat
31 Group of seals
32 Nest egg acronym
33 Highland hat
36 Roof overhang
37 Birdseed holder
40 Steinway product
42 Shroud city
43 Blazing
44 Greeted a bully
45 Borodin's "Prince —"
46 Gives a darn?
48 Texter's "Heavens!"
49 Estuary
50 Busy insect
51 Opposite of paleo-

Solution time: 25 mins.

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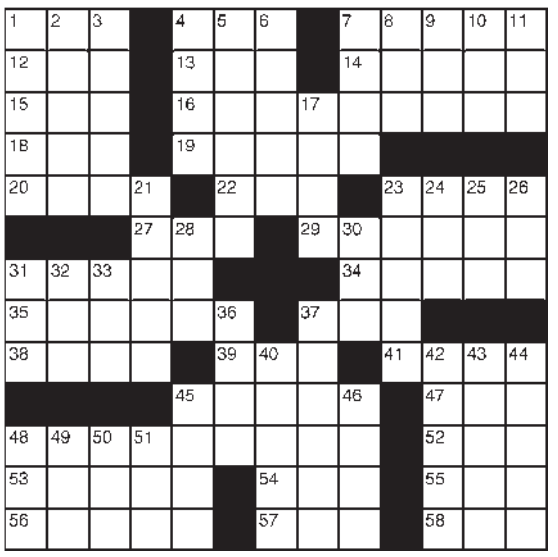

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Selena Gomez, 30; Rufus Wainwright, 49; Willem Dafoe, 67; Danny Glover, 76.

Happy Birthday: Explore what life offers and delve into something that fascinates you. Having an interest in things that are obscure or bring you into contact with unusual people and places will encourage you to try something new and exciting. Take in every detail; there is no need to rush to decide. Knowing what you want will eliminate regret. Your numbers are 5, 19, 23, 25, 31, 38, 42.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Make plans with someone who makes you laugh. Kicking back with friends will eliminate stress and help put situations into perspective. Avoid over-the-top behavior; you'll learn more and have a more significant impact on others if you are moderate. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Share your thoughts and plans with passion. Go over every detail and exercise your right to put the final touches on whatever you pursue. Own your contributions and present what you have to offer with pride. A contagious attitude will pay off. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Be calm, observant and receptive, and you'll find out what's possible and where and how you can fit in and do some good. What you offer and how you perform will turn into your calling card among your peers. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* You'll draw plenty of attention if you pitch in and help. Putting your attributes to the test will give you a better sense of what you can do next. Put your money into whatever brings the highest return. Believe in yourself. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* You must go it alone if you want to get things done your way. The path of least resistance will tempt you when you know sticking up for yourself and doing what's best for you are the better choices. Don't let others limit you. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* A positive attitude will encourage progress. Share information and follow through with a plan that offsets any negativity you encounter. Looking at trivial matters realistically will stifle feeling overwhelmed. A thoughtful gesture will make a good impression on someone special. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* You'll have some expansive ideas and plans, but before you engage, make sure you have the stamina to finish what you start. When in doubt, wait until you are confident you have the backup required to get things done correctly. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Pay attention to how you present yourself and use the information you receive. Verify information before you pass it along, or you'll pay the price. You may not relish change, but it will be beneficial in the end. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Put more thought into investments and how and what you do with your cash. Building a secure platform to stand on will help you get ahead. Refuse to let emotional interference stand between you and a healthy decision. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* You are heading in the right direction, but trying to take on too much or make up for someone's incompetence will slow you down. Stop trying to fix what isn't fixable and concentrate on promoting what's feasible. Romance is favored. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Refuse to let anyone get in your way. Avoid fighting a losing battle. Use your intelligence and discipline to get where you want to go; doors will open and new beginnings will unfold. Celebrate, but be reasonable. ✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Don't overanalyze money, health or legal matters. Distance yourself from situations to get a clear picture of what you must do to make the most of what you've got. Do what's necessary and walk away from disarray. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are confident, helpful and strict. You are protective and convincing.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 7/22

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

ROSE PETALS Solution: 7 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Complimentary

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Source: Harden, 76ers agree on 2-year, $68M deal

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

James Harden has agreed to terms on a two-year contract to stay with the Philadelphia 76ers and will make about $14.5 million less this coming season than he could have earned under his previous deal, a person with knowledge of the negotiations said Wednesday.

Harden will sign a deal worth slightly over $68 million, paying him about $33 million this season and with a $35 million player option for the 2023-24 season, according to the person who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team has not announced the deal.

ESPN first reported the agreement being finalized between the 76ers and the 10-time All-Star guard.

Harden had a $47.4 million option for this coming season that he declined last month, saying he wanted to give the 76ers flexibility to improve their roster and compete for a championship. Giving back that much money — Harden basically gave himself a 30% pay cut for this coming season — allowed the 76ers to make moves such as signing power forward P.J. Tucker and small forward Danuel House earlier this month.

"We got some really good pieces this summer, so now it's time for us to go do the hard work," Harden said in an interview with AP earlier this week to promote the upcoming launch of a new wine label bearing his name.

Harden's plans have been clear since Philadelphia's season ended: He was committed to staying with the 76ers and committed to help them get better.

"I'll be here," Harden said on May 12, when Philadelphia's season ended with a playoff loss to Miami. "Yeah, I'll be here. Whatever makes this team, whatever allows this team to continue to grow and get better and do the things necessary to win and compete at the highest level."

Harden is a three-time scoring champion and averaged 22.0 points and 10.3 assists during his time with Brooklyn and Philadelphia last season. The seven-time All-NBA player was the 2018 NBA MVP and is a member of the league's 75th anniversary team.

AP

NBA 10-time All-Star James Harden discusses his upcoming J. Harden x J Shed wine collaboration that debuts in September at his home in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Sunday, July 17, 2022.

Hornets' Bridges pleads not guilty to domestic violence

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Charlotte Hornets forward Miles Bridges pleaded not guilty Wednesday to felony domestic violence charges filed by Los Angeles County prosecutors after he was accused of assaulting his girlfriend in front of their two children.

District Attorney George Gascón announced Tuesday that his office filed one felony count of injuring a child's parent and two felony counts of child abuse under circumstances or conditions likely to cause great bodily injury or death.

Bridges entered not guilty pleas during an arraignment, the DA's office said.

Bridges was arrested on June 29 by Los Angeles police and was later released on $130,000 bond.

The Hornets and the NBA both said they were aware of the charges filed against Bridges.

"These are very serious charges that we will continue to monitor," the Hornets said. "As this is a legal matter, we will have no further comment at this time."

Mychelle Johnson, the mother of Bridges' two young children, addressed the incident on Instagram on July 1, posting several pictures of injuries and a medical report that read "adult victim of physical abuse by male partner; Assault by strangulation, Brain concussion; Closed fracture of nasal bone; Contusion of rib; Multiple bruises; Strain of neck muscle."

"I hate that it has come to this but I can't be silent anymore. I've allowed someone to destroy my home, abuse me in every way possible and traumatize our kids for life," Johnson wrote on Instagram. "I have nothing to prove to the world, but I won't allow anyone who could do something so horrible to have no remorse and paint a picture of something I'm not. I won't allow the people around him to continue to silence me and continue to lie to protect this person."

The 24-year-old Bridges is a restricted free agent who was expected to command big money in the free agent market this summer following a breakout season.

The 6-foot-7, 225-pound Bridges was the Hornets' leading scorer last season, averaging 20.2 points and seven rebounds in his fourth NBA season.

The Hornets have extended Bridges a qualifying offer allowing them a chance to match any offer sheet made by another team. The team had indicated prior to knowledge of Bridges' arrest that it wanted to re-sign him.

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Manfred rejects that minor leaguers not paid living wage

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred defended the sport's treatment of minor leaguers, prompting immediate criticism from the players' advocacy group.

"I kind of reject the premise of the question that minor league players are not paid a living wage," Manfred told the Baseball Writers' Association of America before Tuesday's All-Star Game.

"I think that we've made real strides in the last few years in terms of what minor league players are paid, even putting to one side the signing bonuses that many of them have already received. They receive housing, which obviously is another form of compensation."

MLB raised minimum salaries in 2021, increasing Class A pay from $290 to $500 per week, Double-A from $350 to $600, and Triple-A from $502 to $700 over the roughly five-month season. Players are only paid in-season.

Amateur players residing in the United States and Canada who are selected in this week's amateur draft have slot values for their signing bonuses, which clubs use as guidelines, ranging from $8.8 million for the first pick to just under $150,000 for the last selections of the 10th and final round. MLB says it spends about $450 million each year on signing bonuses for first-year players.

Last November, MLB announced it was requiring teams to provide furnished accommodations, with a single bed per player and no more than two players per bedroom. Teams are responsible for basic utility bills.

The Erie SeaWolves host the Altoona Curve for an Eastern League baseball game at UPMC Park in Erie, Pa., June 4, 2019. AP

"Most minor league baseball players work second jobs because their annual salaries are insufficient to make ends meet," Harry Marino, executive director of Advocates for Minor Leaguers, said in a statement responding to Manfred. "His suggestion that minor league pay is acceptable is both callous and false."

Papers filed Friday in federal court revealed MLB agreed to pay $185 million to settle a lawsuit by minor leaguers. MLB agreed in the deal to rescind any prohibitions against teams paying wages to minor league players outside of the season.

An early estimate is that perhaps 23,000 players could share the money with an average payment of $5,000 to $5,500, with $55.5 million going to the players' lawyers.

Leaders of the Senate Judiciary Committee have asked Manfred to explain by next Tuesday the impact of potential legislation stripping the sport's antitrust exemption from covering the sport's relationship with minor league players.

While players with major league contracts are unionized, players with minor league contracts are not. The Major League Baseball Players Association gave Advocates for Minor Leaguers $50,000 last November, according to a federal disclosure statement.

"It is exciting to see players recognizing and appreciating the power of their collective voice in effecting positive change in things that they live day to day," union head Tony Clark, a former first baseman, told the BBWAA in a question-and-answer session prior to Manfred's. "Harry Marino and the Advocates for Minor Leaguers have done a tremendous job in engaging and educating the the minor leaguers and helping them to find their voice. ... We are watching. We are providing support when and where possible."

All-Star trip for Buxton a big step for Twins center fielder

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The soaring home run Byron Buxton hit in the All-Star game served as the winning run for the AL team and another signature moment in an uneven career for Minnesota's multi-skilled center fielder.

Just being there was the bigger deal.

Buxton's first appearance at baseball's midsummer showcase probably meant as much to him as any player ever selected, given how early struggles and untimely injuries prolonged the wait until his eighth major league season. Appearing in 73 of 94 games for the Twins before the break while avoiding the injured list was a significant step forward for the 28-year-old.

"I know what I'm capable of doing. Just staying on the field is the biggest situation," Buxton said last week before leaving for Los Angeles, where he starred for the AL squad on Tuesday night.

When Buxton hurt his right knee on April 15 and missed five games in a row, his outlook for a healthy season was considerably dimmed. As the soreness and swelling persisted, the Twins carefully scheduled days off. Having Buxton in the lineup for two-thirds of the time, they figured, was better than an aggravation and a subsequent month-long absence.

"It's been a strenuous, truly 24-hour-a-day job for him to take the field each day," manager Rocco Baldelli said. "He's not looking for any breaks right now. He's trying to take the field."

Buxton is batting only .161 in July, with 23 strikeouts in 61 plate appearances. Playing in 14 of 15 games this month is the more important number for the Twins, particularly considering his career-high 23 home runs and Gold Glove-caliber defense in center. He's on pace for 126 games, which would be the most for him since 2017.

"Buck's doing pretty well, but it's still going to be something we're going to have to pay attention to going forward," Baldelli said. "If there's 12 days, 14 days in a row? At this point, he's going to play most of those games. I don't think he's playing all those days if there's no days off built in."

The Twins, who have a two-game lead in the AL Central on Cleveland and a three-game edge over Chicago, will need Buxton as much as possible to stay in front.

"You just make sure you're being smart and being the best person you can be to give your best version that you can, day in and day out," said Buxton, who signed a seven-year, $100 million contract last December. "Days are good, days are bad, but each and every day for me is a good opportunity to try and get a win for my teammates."

When Baldelli announced to the Twins earlier this month that Buxton and first baseman Luis Arraez had been named to the All-Star team, the sense of accomplishment after all the setbacks he's endured caused Buxton to choke up a bit in the moment.

Having his family accompany him to Los Angeles to soak up the festivities was another experience to treasure, particularly his father, Felton Buxton.

When Buxton celebrates a home run or a clutch hit with his teammates, he pumps his arm up and down the way a kid will signal to a truck driver to sound the horn. That's an ode to his father's occupation and a nod to the memory of making that same motion to his dad when he pulled up to their home in rural southwest Georgia at the end of the work day.

Felton Buxton giddily told his son last week he was taking a dozen baseballs to Los Angeles for signatures from the stars.

"He's excited," Buxton said. "For me, that's what makes me happy. That's all that matters."

MLB All-Star Game wins night but draws record low ratings

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Major League Baseball's Midsummer Classic remains the most-watched all-star game in the major professional sports, even though it drew record lows in viewership for the fifth time since 2015.

Tuesday night's game from Los Angeles — which the American League won 3-2 — averaged 7.51 million viewers on Fox, according to Nielsen, a decline of 9.7% from last year's contest in Colorado. The audience peaked at 8.24 million between 9:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. EDT.

The game was the most-watched program on television Tuesday night and outdrew the three other major all-star games that were played in February. The NFL's Pro Bowl averaged 6.69 million on ABC, followed by the all-star games for the NBA (6.28 million on TNT/TBS) and NHL (1.15 million on ABC).

The baseball game averaged 127,000 on Fox Deportes, giving it the second-highest audience for the event in Spanish-language television history. The game also averaged 107,455 on Fox Sports' streaming platforms.

The Home Run Derby on Monday night on ESPN averaged 6.88 million, a 3.5% decrease from last year.

BASA announces new sponsorship with Budweiser

Heading into their 2022 season, Belau Amateur Softball Association has secured title sponsorship rights through Budweiser.

The newly monikered "Budweiser BASA Softball League" kicked off the season last July 10.

This year, the Budweiser BASA Softball League consists of 16 teams of six open female teams and 10 men's master's teams. Games are played every Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

BASA president Leo Bobai welcomes this new partnership, "The league is financially heavy on our small non-profit organization, but thanks to Budweiser's eagerness to promote sports in the community, we can continue to work together to ensure this season runs smoothly, safely and fun for everyone. I have a great team of officers, board members and community members and we are very grateful and humbled for this sponsorship. Thank you, Budweiser, si *yu'us maase* and *kom kmla mesulang*.

Guy Pudney, pesident Manager for Marpac added, "We are happy to partner up with an organization like BASA, who has been running this league continuously for over 30 years. As you can see, they are a very dedicated team of volunteers who put the health and wellbeing of the community at the forefront. It's great to see all the friends and families coming out every Sunday to the Dandan Field to support their loved ones. Now, let's play ball!"

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From left, Marpac Beverage manager James Lee, Belau Ameteur Softball Association board secretary Hector Efraim, BASA secretary Elsie S. Ngewak, BASA president Leo Bobai, BASA vice president McQueen Masaharu, BASA board vice chair Gianvianni Tutiy, and Marpac resident manager Guy Pudney.

BASA was chartered in 2006. It believes in promoting health and wellness through sports, as well as providing support for various community non-profit organizations with manpower or monetary donations.

Marpac is a responsible and upstanding family-owned business, built on a foundation of service.

Its mission is to provide the best products to its customers, and be a local partner helping to bring communities together, as well as supporting their growth to excellence. ***(PR)***

Race for a Cause bike race this Sunday

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This year's Race for a Cause 2nd Annual Bike Race will be held on Sunday, July 24, starting at 6am in Marpi.

The long course will kick off from the former Mariana Resort & Spa to Suicide Cliff and back, and with the short course from Mariana Resort to the "Triangle" and back.

Registrations opened on July 5 and the last day will be on Saturday, July 23. The registration fee is $20, which includes a T-shirt.

Awards will be given to the overall top 3 men's and women's road bike and MTB, and age category.

The categories are long course, MTB, male; long course, MTB, female; long course, road bike, male; long course, road bike, female; short course, MTB, male; short course, MTB, female; short course, road bike, male; and short course, road bike, female.

There will also be a raffle drawing with the first prize of $300, second prize of $150, and the third prize of $100. There are many consolation prizes as well.

Arvin Velasco and Hernando Cristobal were the top finishers in the road bike and MTB divisions of the Race for a Cause sponsored by veteran rider Willy Barbo held last year in the inaugural race at Marpi.

Contact Willy Barbo at (670) 287-8216 for further details.

Register for the race at https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=282202.

PONCIANO COROTAN

Arvin Velasco is congratulated by runners-up Michiteru Mita and Mark Isip while organizer Willy Barbo looks on after topping the road bike division of last year's Race for a Cause starting from Marpi.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	64	28	.696	
Tampa Bay	51	41	.554	13
Toronto	50	43	.538	14½
Boston	48	45	.516	16½
Baltimore	46	46	.500	18

Central Division

Minnesota	50	44	.532	
Cleveland	46	44	.511	2
Chicago	46	46	.500	3
Detroit	37	55	.402	12
Kansas City	36	56	.391	13

West Division

Houston	59	32	.648	
Seattle	51	42	.548	9
Texas	41	49	.456	17½
Los Angeles	39	53	.424	20½
Oakland	32	61	.344	28

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	58	35	.624	
Atlanta	56	38	.596	2½
Philadelphia	49	43	.533	8½
Miami	43	48	.473	14
Washington	31	63	.330	27½

Central Division

Milwaukee	50	43	.538	
St. Louis	50	44	.532	½
Pittsburgh	39	54	.419	11
Chicago	35	57	.380	14½
Cincinnati	34	57	.374	15

West Division

Los Angeles	60	30	.667	
San Diego	52	42	.553	10
San Francisco	48	43	.527	12½
Colorado	43	50	.462	18½
Arizona	40	52	.435	21

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long weeks of restrictive dieting and intense strength training to perfect your physique. I won't lie and say it's easy but it is definitely worth it in the end," she said.

Long, along with her twin Isa, will be incoming freshmen at Harvard University this coming school year and she promised to continue her bodybuilding journey through Ivy League and beyond.

"My ultimate goal is to one day compete in the [National Physique Committee] and qualify for a pro card. From this point on I'm going to keep pushing myself because I know my progress doesn't just stop here. I have a long way to go and I'm willing to work for it!" she said.

Long's parents said they're "immensely proud" of her third place win at the 2022 California WNBF Muscle Mayhem Bodybuilding Competition.

"She was the only teen in the women's category and she had to compete against seasoned competitors twice her age. Being only her second competition, and her Top 3 performance in each, she has a very bright future and may even turn pro. In fact, a couple of the judges came up to her after the event and stated she has huge potential to compete nationally with continued work and dedication," said Philip.

He added that whatever their daughter decides about her budding career in bodybuilding, they will always

"Either way Arley and I are just proud to witness and be a part of her success and will continue to support her whatever the future has in store for her."

Last November, Long won the bikini competition of the 2021 Dee Clayton Classic at the Saipan World Resort. It marked her debut in the sport.

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"I'd been playing golf for the past 30 yrs or so and I think I am one of the oldest players in our group," said Yumul.

With the win, he now joins Mike Cruz (January), Lito Mendoza (February), Ganacias (March), Freddie Cataluna (May), and Romy Cayetano (June) for the aforementioned season-ending 2022 tournament.

A total of 16 golfers took part in the Fil-Taga July tournament and they are the following with their scores in parenthesis: Joseph Fernandez (net 73), Ruben Avendano (net 74), Mike Cruz (net 74), Romy Cayetano (net 74), Albert Pajarillaga (net 75), Jhun Cayetano (net 75), Das Krishnan (net 76), Freddie Cataluna (net 77), Tony Cabrera (net 78), Ed Varias (net 78), Ronnie Santos (net 80), William Retardo (net 81), Tom Palikkun (net 81).

In the par 3 competition, Catalonia was without peer in holes No. 3 and 13 and Romy Cayetano beat all comers in hole No. 7.

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However, the Queens rallied in the seventh and last inning to add six more runs to secure the win, 21-8, with the Eagles putting up one run in their final hoorah in the seventh.

Kiana Aldan, "Baby K" Camacho, Erin Mendiola, Thelma Mizer, Bert Camacho, Elizabeth Lebria, Vicky Ann Pangelinan, Alannah Sablan, Amy Cabrera, Bong Babauta, Koko Laniyo, and Sylvia Sim played for the Queens' winning lineup.

The Lady Eagles are 0-2 in the standings after losing to the Hotshots in the first week. The standings for the other women's softball teams are Kosebakl at 1-0, Hotshots at 1-0, Tokahao Ladies at 1-0, and 670 Babes at 1-0.

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Tinian lass 3rd in California bodybuilding tilt

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Despite being the youngest in the competition, Tinian's Cielo Long finished third in the 2022 California WNBF Muscle Mayhem Bodybuilding Competition held last July 16 in Sacramento.

Long, who along with her twin sister, Isa, were the valedictorians of the 2022 Class of Tinian High School, said finishing second runner-up in the bodybuilding competition is just the start of her bodybuilding career in the U.S. mainland.

"I am extremely grateful to have placed in my first stateside competition. Although I would've liked to place higher, stepping on stage was more than enough. I have a lot of years left to learn and grow—this is just the beginning!"

Long is dedicating her win in the Muscle Mayhem Bodybuilding tilt to all individuals who struggle with body image.

"This (body image) was my biggest obstacle for years until I finally decided to appreciate my faults and accept what I was given. Put yourself out there! Confidence takes time and there is nothing wrong with being proud of your progress," she said.

The daughter of Philip and Arley Long said training for the bodybuilding competition in Sacramento was no laughing matter.

"To train for a bikini bodybuilding competition it takes a lot of discipline. You endure

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Cielo Long of Tinian show off her third place trophy in the 2022 California WNBF Muscle Mayhem Bodybuilding Competition held last July 16 in Sacramento.

Jess Yumul tops July tourney

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Businessman Jess Yumul won the Fil-Taga Golfers Association's July Ace of the Month Tournament held last July 16 at the Coral Ocean Resort golf course.

Yumul actually finished second but got the monthly championship after first place Dan Ganacias was deemed ineligible as he already won in March.

The YCO Corp. president and CEO had the round's second best net score of 71 after shooting a gross of 97. Ganacias had a net 68 following a pre-handicap score of 82.

Completing the Top 3 was Emil Padernal who was just a shot off Yumul's score with a 72 after carding a gross of 83.

Yumul

Yumul said there was nothing to complain about last Saturday's course conditions at the Agingan golf course.

"The course was in perfect condition (fairways and the greens). The weather cooperated: no rain and no strong winds. The front nine was the one that made it possible. I did not expect to win because my back nine was not as good as the front. Anyway it was also with pure luck. I guess I have to dedicate the win to my wife," he said.

Yumul also thanked his lucky stars that Ganacias had already won last March that allowed him to grab the July ace.

"He actually won first place but because he already had the ace, I was just next in line."

At his age, Yumul said he's fortunate to once again get a berth in Fil-Taga's season-ending 2022 tournament.

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Queens of Diamond remains undefeated

LEIGH GASES
The game between Sufa and Asahi is seen last Sunday with Asahi swinging at a pitch and team Sufa in defense during Week 2 of the Budweiser BASA League at the Dandan Softball Field.

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Queens of Diamond remained royalty on the field in Week 2 of the Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association after rumbling past Lady Eagles, 21-8, last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

Queens of Diamond's offense was on fire early on with a run scored in by Kiana Aldan, followed by a run scored in by "Baby K" Camacho on an error by Lady Eagles. Erin Mendiola scored the third run of the first inning and the Queens were finally shut down with an early lead of 3-0.

The Lady Eagles could not retaliate in the first inning but scored four runs in the second, contributed by Jay Arriola, Julie Camacho, Jay Taitano, and Emy Oiterong.

The Queens then replied and lengthened their lead in the second inning after scoring five runs with the Eagles' pitcher going through eight of their batters, for a wide lead of 8-4.

The Eagles in the third and fourth inning were unable to put up a run against Queen's pitcher Bert Camacho, with Camacho flying through four batters in the third inning and only three batters of the Eagles' line up in the fourth inning, with a total of three strikeouts.

The Eagles finally put up a lone run in the fifth inning, but still trailed the Queens, 12-5, after the Queens put up four more runs in the third inning.

Eagles pitcher Angela Santos finally silenced the Queens in the fourth and fifth inning after shutting down four batters in the fourth and allowing only one hit and shutting down five batters in the fifth.

Queens' offense awakened once more in the sixth inning to put up three more runs, for a lead of 15-5, while the Eagles were able to put up two runs for a score of 15-7.

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